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MSA's 1st flight goes to Tinian



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Marianas Southern Airways took to the skies last Friday morning with its first inaugural flight headed for Tinian, soon to be followed by its first flight to Rota, and then to Guam. Among the first passengers to experience the CNMI's newest domestic airline were Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Finance Secretary David Atalig, MSA president Keith Stewart, and more. **See MSA on Page 4**

'Finance may owe CHCC close to \$10M, not \$34.2M'

» **Atalig: People are sensationalizing healthcare during election year**

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Not \$34.2 million, but only close to \$10 million.

That's according to Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig last Friday, who denied that the CNMI government owes the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. \$34.2 million; the number is much closer to \$10 million, based on their preliminary review, he said. Atalig blames the current political season for the inflated numbers.



Atalig

Atalig disclosed during a



Muña

radio press briefing that they are still finalizing their report and will come up with a detailed report early next week on what the Common-

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Torres commits to remit 25% pension for Q1 of FY 2023

In anticipation of the upcoming fiscal year 2023, which starts on Oct. 1, 2022, the Torres administration has renewed its pledge and promise to NMI retirees by committing public taxpayer funds to cover the first quarter of fiscal year 2023 to pay for their additional 25% pension benefits, which is on top of the

75% mandated pension under the U.S. District Court for the NMI-stipulated and approved settlement agreement.

According to Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig, \$3.27 million, or \$545,000 bi-weekly, will be remitted to the CNMI Retirement Settlement Fund to cover the first quarter

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Woman allegedly assaulted at bakery

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The Department of Public Safety has reported the arrest of a former sister-in-law of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Rowina Ogo, for allegedly beating another woman at the Herman's Bakery in Dan Dan last Friday.

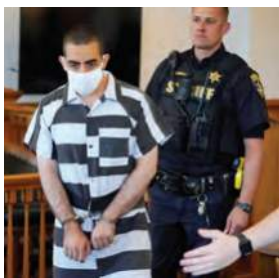
Department of Public Safety spokesperson Adrian

Pangelinan confirmed last Friday that DPS officers arrested Ogo for assault and battery and disturbing the peace at around 11am after she allegedly assaulted Maryann Borja, former Office of Vocational Rehabilitation director.

Just a few hours after her arrest, DPS confirmed that Ogo had posted bail and had

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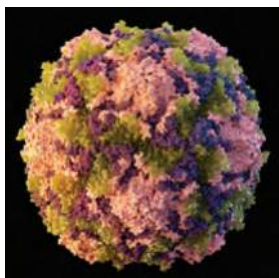
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Salman Rushdie was taken off a ventilator and able to talk a day after he was stabbed.

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Anne Heche remains on life support and under evaluation for organ donation after a car crash.

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Local

Saipan street is renamed after Deda family patriarch

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Members of one of San Antonio's longstanding families gathered last Friday for the unveiling of a new signage that officially renames one of their village streets after their late patriarch, Manuel Blas Sablan, more affectionately known as "Tun Manet Deda."

The Hakman Avenue was

renamed as the Tun Manet Deda Avenue during a short ceremony held at the Deda family homestead in San Antonio. The short ceremony, officiated by Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, was attended by Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero (R-Saipan) and Joe Flores (Ind-Saipan), Office of the Mayor staff, and several family members.

The late Manuel B. Sablan

was born on Dec. 9, 1914, and, just prior to World War II, served as chief of police under the Japanese government from 1934 to 1944. After the war, Sablan studied Police Method Course in Guam, which led up to him becoming the assistant Chief of Police at Camp Susupe for the duration of three years. Sablan also had several business endeavors, one of which was the open-

ing of "San Antonio by the Sea" bar in 1949. This bar was the only bar on Saipan at the time. Sablan later became the Economic Aid and Tax Collector under the Municipality of Saipan from 1950 to 1953, and later became a legislator in 1955, 1957, 1958. Along with all of his service to the island, Sablan was also heavily involved with his church in San Antonio, and his family.

"Tun Manet Deda gave so much to the village of San Antonio. ...For his countless contribution and generosity to this village of San Antonio and the early government of our island, it is only appropriate to name this street in remembrance of his legacy," said Apatang during the event.

The unveiling of the street sign was followed by a closing blessing and prayer by Fr. Arman Hagos.

Speaking on behalf of the family, John Tenorio Sablan said, "We are very grateful for naming the street after my

father. He's been a public servant and a businessman for a long time. He's been helping the church, too, in the San Antonio church for so many years, and my mom and the family. And we are still doing that; we are still following their footsteps. ...They were very good parents."

Josephine Tenorio Sablan also shared several details about her father and family, noting his involvement in the church, and their family's history in the neighborhood. "We appreciate the mayor for recognizing that," she said.



Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Reps. Joe Flores (Ind-Saipan) and Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero (R-Saipan), and members of the Deda family pose along the sign of the renamed street, after its unveiling in San Antonio last Friday.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Banned books' talks at JKPL

Marianas Writers Movement is sponsoring another Banned and Challenged Books discussion on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, at 1:30pm, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The group will be looking at children's picture books that have caused disturbances, and discussion why and helping parents assess the books for themselves and their children. (PR)

4.6-magnitude quake occurred near Yigo, Guam

At 11:44pm on Aug. 13, 2022, a report of a 4.6-magnitude earthquake occurred 48 kilometers northeast of Yigo, Guam. Currently, there are no tsunami warnings, watches, or advisories that were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at (670)237-8000. (PR)



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Lifesaving care for veterans exposed to toxins now a law

» **CPA getting \$3.1M grant for Saipan Harbor navigational improvements**
 » **CHCC awarded \$1.2M grant for lab modernization**

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President Joseph Biden Jr. signed into law Wednesday a bill that would secure access to lifesaving care for 3.5 million veterans, including those in the Marianas, who've been exposed to deadly toxins in the line of duty.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) also disclosed in his *e-kilili* newsletter over the weekend that the Commonwealth Ports Authority is receiving \$3.1 million grant funding that will be used to study navigational improvements for two potential future projects in the Saipan Harbor, while the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. was awarded \$1.2 million in Community Project Funding grant for the modernization of its laboratories.

Sablan said that Biden signed into law the Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act, in which he was an original co-sponsor and fought alongside the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Veterans' Affairs and veteran service organizations for the passage of this legislation, so veterans in the CNMI and elsewhere who've been exposed to toxins while in

service can receive the care they deserve.

He said the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has begun honoring claims reflecting the 23 new conditions and cancers included in the legislation to qualify for presumptive eligibility for VA benefits.

The delegate said this week's enactment of the PACT Act expanded VA health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pit and other toxic substances.

He said the bill's passage also ensures that veterans who were once denied access to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation will be contacted by the Department of Veterans Affairs about new eligibility.

For Saipan port improvements, Sablan said the U.S. Department of Transportation announced Thursday that CPA is receiving \$3,135,000 in Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability &

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'Mafnas' expertise is needed at the Department of Commerce'

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Finance Secretary David Atalig claims that the decision to reassign Division of Customs director Jose Mafnas to the Department of Commerce was not politically or maliciously motivated; instead, it's because he believes that the Department of Commerce needs his expertise.

In his memorandum in support of the motion opposing Mafnas' motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction, Atalig

explained that Mafnas, who has served the CNMI as Customs director since 2013, has extensive expertise in enforcing the Division of Customs's rules and regulations, CNMI laws, and federal laws as they apply to the import and export of taxable goods to and from the CNMI.

"[I] and the Department of Commerce secretary began discussing the establishment of a new division of the Department of Com-

merce on April 7, 2022. The purpose of the new division would be to create a collaborative effort between the Department of Finance and the Department of Commerce to assist with import of goods at a lower cost and the export of local goods to create an economic development for the CNMI,"

Atalig said.

"Mafnas was the best candidate to assist the Department of Commerce in setting

up the rules and regulations to govern the new division, based on plaintiffs' productive and competent leadership, his value as a member of the DOF management team, and his outstanding performance and demonstrated success in core areas of relentless enforcement and historically high collections of taxes in the CNMI. Based on this experience and record of performance, it was determined that plaintiff's expertise is needed in the Department of Commerce, and [I] decided to temporarily

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MSA's first of three Tecnam aircrafts took flight at around 9:40am last Friday and headed for Tinian with its first passengers that also included Southern Airways chief marketing officer Keith Sisson, Miss Marianas 2021 Savannah Lyn Delos Santos, and others.

In an interview with Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan, he said he is excited that another airline has stepped up to provide much needed air service for Tinian and he hopes that with two airlines now servicing interisland travel, Tinian will see an economic boost.

"The people of Tinian are excited about this. This will be an additional air service to the one we have right now, which is Star Marianas. We're very thankful for Star Marianas but competition is very healthy. My hope is that both airlines can ultimately boost out economy on Tinian, boost our tourism, and provide affordable flights to our people to and from Saipan," he said.

Leading up to both the unveiling of the new aircraft, boarding, and takeoff, Stewart, Torres, Atalig, and Commonwealth Ports Authority chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds shared their excitement for MSA's first of what they hope will be the start of

many flights on the islands that make up the Marianas.

King-Hinds gave thanks to all those who helped make this a reality for the CNMI.

"There are a lot of things I do in CPA as a board member but this project is special for me. As a resident of Tinian and somebody who has felt the impact in terms of access to basic services, having an alternative service provides our people an option and the ability to grow. This, to me, is special because you, MSA, are our partner in creating a stronger, more sustainable, more resilient community," she said.

According to Torres, it's always a blessing when an airline decides to partner with the CNMI by providing service but what makes MSA special is its goal to further connect the Marianas through air transportation.

"It's always nice, it's always a blessing to gain airlines here. We're so excited about this airline because not only will it boost tourism for other CNMI islands, but of course it will also provide our people with another option to visit neighboring islands," he said.

Torres also encouraged the CNMI to show patience with the new airline as it is just starting up. "One thing I'd like to ask our people is to be patient with the new airline. Although the airline is not new to flying, they are

new to us. Please give them the opportunity to grow," he said.

Atalig said he looks forward to the many things MSA will do for the islands of Tinian and Rota, which have both been in dire need of affordable interisland air service.

"On behalf of the Commonwealth, we're very grateful for this new airline. We wouldn't have been able to do this without all the government and private entities who came together to make this happen. In January, I was tasked with a project to find a new airline because of an emergency suspension of interisland flights back in December. It was an interesting journey. Now this is another way to help our economy. We're very cognizant of our brothers and sisters on Rota and Tinian for not having the essential air service that they need, not only for leisure travel, but also for medical reasons, and more so for their economy. We need to help Rota and Tinian with additional travel. This helps stimulates the economy. I'm so excited for this," he said.

MSA president Stewart also shared his appreciation to those within the CNMI community who welcomed MSA and hopes that the community will continue to support the startup airline.

"This is something we've been working on for a long time. ...With

any kind of airline and project like this, it's really going to take a strong collaboration between the government and private businesses to go and start one up. It can't just happen on its own, so we thank the administration, Gov. Torres, Secretary Atalig,

and CPA chair Kim King-Hinds. We appreciate the support across the board. It's been overwhelming, the support we've received. We're going to work hard to try and not let anyone down. Thank you all so much," Stewart said.

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wealth owes CHCC.

"This is election year and people are sensationalizing the healthcare and not coming and asking my office for accurate data," he said.

Last Aug. 2, CHCC chief executive officer Esther L. Muña wrote Atalig, saying that CHCC is owed \$34.2 million to date, and that Finance has yet to transfer to the corporation several local appropriations, as well as allocations from the American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Muña cited several public and Saipan local laws, including those from 2018, which she said appropriated a total of \$55,835,688 to CHCC.

She said Finance has so far transferred \$20,981,433 and an adjustment in the amount of \$646,163, leaving \$34,208,092 in total balance owed CHCC.

Muña said that soon after their fiscal year 2022 budget hearing in the House of Representatives, some lawmakers emphasized with her that CHCC needs to make a written request to Atalig's office requesting

for and following up on funding appropriated to CHCC by CNMI public laws. That prompted Muña to write Atalig, which itemized the appropriations that have a balance to date.

Atalig said Friday that he met last Monday with the CHCC board chairman and with Muña, during which they discussed Muna's letter. Atalig said he told Muña that his office is reviewing her spreadsheet and identifying if it's accurate.

"Preliminarily, I'll just say it out front, there is no \$34 million owed CHCC," he said.

The Finance secretary said there are items on Muña's list that do not reflect the amount of monies that have already been transferred to CHCC.

Keep in mind that the government was paying for CHCC's utilities a couple of years ago and even last year, he said.

"We continue to pay our share and help them with their CUC utility bill as well as looking into some of the things that they didn't identify as being transmitted to them," Atalig said.

He said that \$34 million is down to only close to about \$10 million.



CNMI dignitaries join Marianas Southern Airways crew in a ribbon-cutting to unveil MSA's first Tecnam plane that took to the skies last Friday morning as MSA's official inaugural flight.

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of fiscal year 2023 for the period Oct. 1, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2022, as committed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

According to Atalig, the record "will unequivocally show that Gov. Torres has promised to prioritize our NMI retirees time and again each

fiscal year, since he became governor to date. Although the 25% is not mandated under the settlement agreement, the governor has delivered through his actions in remitting this portion amounting to \$14 million to \$15 million annually to ensure that each living retiree and/or surviving dependents receive 100% of their well-deserved retirement pension."

Torres said: "I cannot imagine not

taking care of all our retirees and their surviving dependents and not honoring them for their lifetime sacrifices, serving our people, and our beloved island community for many decades. I am not only duty-bound, but it is the most sensible and ethical obligation that we as leaders ought to commit and deliver. Anything less is unacceptable, to be honest." (PR)

staff managed to pull her attacker away from her.

Borja noted that DPS officers who responded to the scene also showed Ogo "special treatment" and brought her to the back of the bakery where they "arrested" her.

"I don't know if they handcuffed her or if they just placed her in the car but DPS showed unfair treatment. They talked to her for a while before bringing her to the back to arrest her," she said.

Borja said she will be filing a restraining order against Ogo and will file a lawsuit against her.

Saipan Tribune tried but was unable to obtain comments from Ogo.

clearly saw that it was Ogo who was assaulting her and she was stunned. In a photo of Borja circulating on social media after the altercation, it appeared as though Borja sustained cuts and scratches to her neck as a result of the fight.

"I'm so traumatized. I don't understand why she would do such a thing. Whatever the problem was, I would have been ready and open to have a conversation about it and resolve the issue," she said.

Borja said she remembers at some point in the struggle that she punched Ogo in an attempt to defend herself. She said it was only after she tried to defend herself that Herman's Bakery

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been released.

DPS had no information as of press time of the events that led to the alleged assault.

In a later interview with Borja, she said that she was at Herman's Bakery buying bread and conversing with family when she was attacked as she was leaving. She claims that she was "thrown" against a fixture just outside the bakery before she felt a person's hands grasp her neck and "strangle" her.

During the struggle, Borja said she

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transfer plaintiff to assist the Department of Commerce to create a new federally funded division under the Economic Development Division," Atalig added.

In addition, Atalig said Mafnas' reassignment is not "illegal" as he argues because, as Customs director, Mafnas is subject to the personnel service system rules and regulations.

"Plaintiff, as the Customs director, is a civil service government employee. In April 2022, [I] requested the director of Administrative Services, Margaret "Bertha" Torres, to determine the process for transferring an employee from one agency to another. Torres advised that transfers and reassignments are allowed under the PSSR&R, and that they are quite common," said Atalig.

Lastly, Atalig argues he was not given any directive or orders from anyone to transfer Mafnas.

"A memorandum of assignment was sent out to plaintiff explaining

the basis for the decision and had Lalita Lynn B. Duenas deliver the memorandum around 2pm on July 21, 2022. Duenas returned to Atalig after delivering the notice and conveyed plaintiffs' threat to sue. Atalig immediately went into a scheduled meeting, and plaintiff attempted to call him on his cell phone. Atalig responded to plaintiff at 2:36pm that he would return his call when Atalig was done in his meeting. Atalig was advised after 3pm that plaintiff had called for a press conference. Atalig did not return plaintiff's call after that time," Atalig's memorandum states.

According to court documents, Mafnas filed his lawsuit against the Department of Finance, its secretary, and Torres' chief of staff with the U.S. District Court for the NMI last July 28.

Aside from the lawsuit, Mafnas also filed a motion for a TRO and preliminary injunction to essentially prohibit Atalig or Castro from reassigning him pending judgment.

On Aug. 2, 2022, the court granted Mafnas' motion for TRO effective through Aug. 16.

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Equity, or RAISE, grant funding. He said the first prospective project is to extend Charlie Dock.

The delegate said second prospective project is to dredge the entrance channel, turning basin, north and south seaplane ramps, and Echo Cock areas to allow larger vessels to dock at the port, including cruise ships, ferries, and bulk vessels.

Sablan said the projects aim to

address safety challenges, expand port capacity, and boost economic competitiveness.

For the CHCC laboratory improvements, the delegate said the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced Friday the awarding of \$1.2 million to CHCC.

With the lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, Sablan said the need for updated lab equipment will help the Commonwealth be better prepared for infectious diseases in the future.

FSM vice president Yosiwo Palikkun George passes away

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—Federated States of Micronesia vice president Yosiwo Palikkun George passed away yesterday. He was 81 years old.

The Federated States of Micronesia government announced George's passing in a news release yesterday. It did not specify the cause of his death but an earlier

news release the FSM government had issued on July 24, 2022, stated that George was hospitalized in the state of Pohnpei due to COVID-19.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres issued the following statement yesterday:



George

"On behalf of the [CNMI], I would like to express our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Vice President Yosiwo P. George. We also extend our thoughts and prayers to the

Kosraean and FSM community in the CNMI, as we join our Micronesian brothers and sisters in mourning during this difficult time.

"Of the times that I had the opportunity to meet with Vice President George, including at the Micronesian Islands Forum, we were able to discuss matters of policy important to the people of

Micronesia. He also welcomed me to Kosrae, his home island, during my first visit there, and for that I am still thankful. We shared in commitment to serving our people, and his life of public service and leadership will not be forgotten."

Born in Kosrae on July 24, 1941, George served as the first lieutenant gov-

ernor of Kosrae from 1979 to 1980. For a time, George was the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands' Social Security manager on Saipan.

The FSM news release said that FSM President David W. Panuelo will soon be declaring a national mourning period in FSM. *(Saipan Tribune)*



MANAGEMENT TRAINING

McDonald's Hamburger University graduate Dale Patricio receives her certificate from her professor. Dale works at McDonald's in Tamuning. The intense two-week course covered operations, staffing, equipment, and numerous subjects at the management level.

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McDonald's Hamburger University graduate Ruthzel Perez receives her certificate from her professor. Dale works at McDonald's in Garapan, Saipan. The intense two-week course covered operations, staffing, equipment, and numerous subjects at the management level.

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Bill to give ports police law enforcement powers passes Senate

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The Senate passed Tuesday a bill that would essentially grant law enforcement authority to the Commonwealth Ports Authority-Ports Police.

At a regular session in the Senate chamber, all eight senators present voted for the passage of House Bill No. 22-20, House Substitute 1 without discussions. The bill now goes to the governor's desk for action.

Authored by House of

Representatives Vice Speaker Blas Jonathan T. Attao (R-Saipan) and co-sponsored by several House members, the bill's purpose is to amend the Commonwealth Code to clarify the CPA-Ports Police's authority, power, and recognition as a CNMI law enforcement agency.

Attao stated in the legislation that unlike their fellow Customs officers, the ports police officers do not possess the authority to arrest individuals in the act of committing a crime within port jurisdiction.

He said ports police officers are barred from detaining a perpetrator until the proper authorities are present for proper detainment. He said these situations can prove to be very problematic in the event a Customs officer is unable to be present at such a scene.

Attao said such circumstances need to be rectified by providing the Ports Police officers with the proper law enforcement authority

to ensure better protection at all ports within the Commonwealth.



Attao

According to a report by the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee chaired by Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan), the CPA's Ports Police section has employed officers, conducted and participated in law enforcement trainings, established appropriate regulations,

among others, throughout the years in order to provide a conducive law-abiding atmosphere for all ports within the CNMI borders. Therefore, the JGO Committee recognizes the CPA-Ports Police as a law enforcement agency of the CNMI government. The JGO Committee said the intent of the proposed legislation is to fill an unintentional void that existed because of the passage of the Second Special Act for Firearms Enforcement.

The committee found that the enactment of SAFE 11 repealed a statute, 6CMC Section 2208, in its entirety, making the CPA Ports Police's law enforcement authority unclear. The committee said the legislation's intent is to provide clarity about such authority and to ensure what was unintentionally removed by SAFE 11.

The committee recommended amending the proposed legislation to provide greater clarity for the CPA Ports Police's law enforcement authority than the original legislation and to amend a statute to recognize their vehicles as "law enforcement vehicles" for government purposes.

The full House adopted the committee's report.

During the public com-

ments portion of the Senate session, Juan Rebuénog, assistant chief of CPA Ports Police, and assistant chief Juan Rebuénog urged senators to pass the bill.

Rebuénog said he has been a CPA Ports Police employee for over 25 years and that he cannot express how grateful the department is that this bill is now before the Senate for action. He noted that as far as he knows this is the first bill in CNMI history to fully and completely specify the scope of duties and authority of the CPA Ports Police Department.

"This bill very clearly empowers our department and increases the capacity to fulfill our mission statement in safeguarding life and property, preserving the peace, preventing and detecting crime, enforcing the law, and protecting the rights of all citizens," he said.

Rebuénog said this bill would not only strengthen law enforcement in all ports, but also throughout the entire CNMI. He said through this bill, with its information sharing provision and section regarding mutual aid, both CPA and Department of Public Safety, and other law enforcement agency will be able to more efficiently administer their resources.

US official says Solomon Islands top official 'missed opportunity'

CANBERRA, Australia (Azbattle, amid concerns the South Pacific island nation is building closer ties with China. Wendy Sherman and U.S. Ambassador to Australia Caroline Kennedy were among dignitaries who attended a dawn service near the capital of Honiara on Sunday to commemorate the Battle of Guadalcanal.

Sherman's father, Marine Mal Sherman, and Kennedy's father, the late President John F. Kennedy, almost died in fighting on the Solomons. Kennedy had been the commander of a patrol torpedo boat that was rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer. Sherman was wounded during the Guadalcanal campaign, which was the Japanese army's first defeat of WWII.

Local media reported that Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare, who signed a security pact with China this year, appeared to have snubbed the ceremony, a claim his office later denied.

Sherman declined to say whether she considered the prime minister's absence a snub. She said Sogavare "will have to answer to his own citizens about why he made the choice that he did," in an apparent reference to the next election.


"I said to the prime minister

directly that I was so sorry that obviously his schedule did not allow him to come because he missed an important opportunity," Sherman told Australian Broadcasting Corp.


"This was a place where international leaders gathered to say that the work with Solomon Islanders, at the time of World War II, was decisive in victory, in ensuring freedom and democracy. And so I really felt sorry for the prime minister because I think he missed an important opportunity," she added. Sogavare denied a snub, telling the Solomons Star News newspaper in a statement that the government was well represented at all events over three days marking the anniversary at ministerial levels.

The statement said newspaper claims of a snub were misleading and lacked understanding of protocols applied at such events.

The pact with China has raised fears of a Chinese naval base being established within 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) of Australia's northeast coast. A Chinese military presence in the Solomons would put it not only on the doorstep of Australia and New Zealand but also in close proximity to Guam, the U.S. territory that hosts major military bases.




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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on *Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 8 a.m.* on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Administration Building, Governor's Conference Room on Capitol Hill.

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (07/13/2022)
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Chairperson's Report
 - A. Nomination of Dr. Angela Sabino to the HCPLB
- VII. Director's Report
 - A. Munis Timekeeper Training
 - B. BPL-HCPLB New Vehicle
- VIII. Investigator's Report
- IX. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
 - A. Governor's Office
 - B. Legislature
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
- XII. Pending Applications for Board's Review
 - A. New Application
 - B. Renewal Application
- XIII. Miscellaneous Business
- XIV. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.
- XV. Announcements
 - A. Next Meeting Date
 - B. Adjournment of Meeting



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 05-2022

Opening date: August 15, 2022 Location: SAIPAN Positions: (1) ARFF General Maintenance (1) ARFF Mechanic II (1) ARFF Mechanic III	Closing date: September 02, 2022 SALARY PL 3/1 to 3/12 (\$8.01/hr. to \$13.70/hr.) PL 6/1 to 6/12 (\$9.27/hr. to \$15.85/hr.) PL 12/1 to 12/12 (\$12.42/hr. to \$21.25/hr.)
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Location: TINIAN Positions: (2) General Maintenance I	SALARY PL 2/1 to 2/12 (\$7.63/hr. to \$13.04/hr.)
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Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the **CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport.** Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10-year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport is no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 02, 2022.

Detailed information on qualifications and position descriptions for the above positions may be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except on holidays, at the CPA Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or CPA Admin. Office at the Tinian International Airport or at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at lorna.tenorio@cnmiports.com or by phone at (670)237-6500.

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INVITATION TO BID

ITB22-GOV/OPD-42200142

CNMI PROCUREMENT OFFICE RENOVATION

SUBMISSION DATE: 10:00 AM ChST SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is soliciting sealed bids for the CNMI Procurement Office Renovation in Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This project will be funded by the 702 Covenant funding under the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The project package will be available in digital format only on **August 15, 2022** at the Capital Improvement Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, during regular working hours.

A **Pre-Bid Conference** will be held at the project site located in Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI at **10:00 AM ChST August 30, 2022**. Proposers may request to participate via phone call or virtually five (5) days prior to the meeting scheduled. All attendees are required to use a face mask and exercise social distancing throughout the duration of the meeting.

Questions regarding this ITB may be submitted via email to Ms. Sunny Aldan at sunny.aldan@gov.mp no later than **4:30 PM ChST September 6, 2022**. All Questions & Answers will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI must fill out and submit the Notice of Intent to Bid Form to the Director of Procurement Services no later than **10:00 AM ChST, September 14, 2022**.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS, AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/s/ Ralph DLG. Torres Governor, CNMI	/s/ Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director CNMI Procurement & Supply
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19 complete NMC Nursing Assistant training

Nineteen Northern Marianas College students received their certificates of completion in Nursing Assistant after participating in a 10-week training conducted by NMC nursing faculty member Johnny Aldan and Nursing Department chair Rosa Aldan.

The students are Heleina Corpuz Bautista, Mariechrist Clemente Castro, Myrla Athena Cabrera Guzman Lacsina, Antoinette Flores Hernaez, Marlena Briana A. King, Tiana Lynn Borja Lizama, Abbygail Joy Manuel, Lerica Seobal Primo, Rose-Vie Banal Querijero, Maxine Alexandra Rabago, Ninfa Lyn Valdez Rabago, Jabrina Jean Reyes, Kuli'ana P. Sablan, Marissa Dolores Cruz San Nicolas, Jami Aline Starling, Mayri-ann Joebel Tancinco Subang, Seann Abellaneda Toca, Karena Lei Manglona Torres, and Cindy Soo Yeon Yang.

They are now eligible to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program Competency Examination with the NMI Board of Nursing; obtain a Certified Nursing Assistant license; and to be included in the NMI Board of Nursing Registry for Nursing Assistants. They can also practice as a CNA in the CNMI or in the states.

One of the students, Mariechrist Castro, said she



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joined the training program to gain clinical experience.

"Since middle school, I knew that I wanted to work in the medical field, and I saw this program as a great opportunity to start me off in the right direction," Castro said. "The most memorable experience I had in this program was acquiring knowledge and skills related to my future career, as well as the opportunity to develop friendships within my cohort."

Castro said she will move to California to take the NNAAP exam and become a Certified Nursing Assistant. She also plans to obtain a nursing degree and become a registered nurse.

Marissa Dolores Cruz San Nicolas, who is from Tinian, said she has always wanted to be a nurse since she was in kindergarten.

"It's crazy to think that 21 years later I would be in this position at the end of this Nursing Assistant program, finally starting my journey in this career field," San Nicolas said. "With Tinian having minimum job opportunities and myself not having a secure job, I took this as a chance to not only give myself more options but a better standing in income and job security."

After receiving her CNA certification, San Nicolas plans to obtain a nursing de-

gree and take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses so she can pursue a nursing career in the CNMI.

During the training completion ceremony at Saipan World Resort on Thursday, Aug. 11, NMC Nursing Department chair Rosa Aldan congratulated the students and said she looks forward to their future endeavors. "I am very proud of them—they have all done very well during this training," Aldan said. "I hope in the future that they will expand their knowledge and skills in the healthcare field."

NMC president Galvin De-

leon Guerrero, Ed.D., also praised the students for their hard work and determination. "It's an incredible responsibility to be a certified nursing assistant," Deleon Guerrero said. "I also applaud our nursing program and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. for helping our students acquire the expertise and knowledge they need."

The Certificate of Completion in Nursing Assistant from NMC prepares entry-level nursing assistants to provide basic nursing care to the elderly, the ill, and the disabled in long-term care, hospital, clinic, and home health settings.

The training is done in collaboration with the Area Health Education Center and is designed for any individual who wants to be a Nursing Assistant, or for someone interested in taking a nursing course, but is still at developmental English and math levels. The training is also for persons already employed as nursing assistants but who have not completed the formal coursework.

For more information on NMC's Nursing Assistant training program, contact Andrew Mendiola, nursing department administrative assistant, at (670) 237-6744 or email andrew.mendiola@marianas.edu. (NMC)

Norman Tanghal latest NMC grad to pass NCLEX

Northern Marianas College nursing graduate Norman Tanghal has joined the long list of NMC graduates who have passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses or NCLEX-RN.

The NCLEX-RN tests an individual's nursing knowledge, skills and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. The exam is used



Tanghal

by nursing boards in all U.S. states and territories to award nursing licenses.

"I wish to congratulate Norman on becoming the latest graduate to reach this important milestone of passing the NCLEX-RN," said NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D.

NMC Nursing Department chair Rosa Aldan also congratulated Tanghal on his achievement. "Norman worked very hard in studying and preparing himself to pass the NCLEX-RN exam," Aldan said. "I applaud him for his efforts and dedication and we are very proud of his recent accomplishments."

Tanghal, who graduated from NMC in 2021, said that

the reason why he wanted to become a nurse was to educate people in leading healthier lives. "I wanted to pursue nursing because I want to help educate the community and to connect with people of varying backgrounds," he said.

As for his preparation for the NCLEX-RN, Tanghal said it was his family and friends who helped him with the stresses of the exam. "Studying for the NCLEX was mentally taxing for me for numerous reasons, so having my family and friends be there for me when I needed someone to talk to about my doubts and frustrations helped tremendously," he said.

Tanghal also attributes his success with the exam to NMC's Nursing Program. The class lectures from his instructors, the skills lab, and the Kaplan test preparation all helped with his test preparation.

His advice for students who are planning to take the exam is to find a study method that works for them. "Don't let yourself get distracted or lose focus during your studies," Tanghal said. "Most importantly: believe in yourself."

You have what it takes to pass the exam!"

For more information about NMC's nursing program, email Aldan at rosa.aldan@marianas.edu or call (670) 237-6744. (NMC)

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN MATTER OF:
THE ESTATE OF
ALICE VILLAGOMEZ
PANGELINAN,
Deceased.
Date: Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022
Time: 10:00 am
Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE ALICE VILLAGOMEZ PANGELINAN OR OF HER ESTATE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Magdalena P. Attao, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of ALICE VILLAGOMEZ PANGELINAN, "Decedent". The attorney for Petitioner is Vincent J. Seman, Esq., whose address is JET Building, Suite 204, Chalan Pale Arnold, Gualo Rai, PO Box 10001 PMB 168, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition to Probate the Estate of Decedent is scheduled to be heard on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 10:00 am, before Judge Joseph N. Camacho, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing. Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Decedent or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of the first publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to VINCENT J. SEMAN, Esq. at his address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2022.

By: /s/
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk



COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES CUC-RAESP-22-030

Underground Power Distribution Systems to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation – Phase I

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed Architectural & Engineering (A/E) Services Proposal from qualified firms to design an underground power distribution system from the CUC Power Plant 1 Facility to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC). When fully functioning, the infrastructure is designed to distribute uninterrupted power to the CHCC during tropical storms or typhoon events and following natural disasters such that the CNMI's only public owned healthcare facility is able to provide healthcare services to the CNMI's people. The RAESP project is the first step of a phase approach process in determining the cost benefits of constructing a dedicated underground power distribution system. The design of the infrastructure will convey the feasibility of this FEMA investment in delivering uninterrupted power to the CHCC during tropical storms or typhoon events and following natural disasters.

This project is funded by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The RAESP package may be obtained via email between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$300.00 for one RFP package set. To register for the RAESP, please contact Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal; and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted in a separately sealed envelope marked "CUC-RAESP-22-030, Underground Power Distribution Systems to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2022**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

All responses to this RAESP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This RAESP does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on August 12, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Anne Crocket, CUC Power Division Chief Engineer via email address anne.crocket@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director

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In the Inflation Reduction Act, a much-needed step toward lowering prescription drug costs

It's become tiresome to see progressive politicians act like a pouting teenager who seems to think it's a sin to ever admit satisfaction with anything. Their lukewarm reaction to Senate passage of the admittedly ill-named Inflation Reduction Act won't help energize the voters Democrats need to avoid conservatives regaining Congress in the upcoming midterm elections.

"This reconciliation bill goes nowhere near far enough in addressing the problems facing struggling working families," said Sen. Bernie Sanders (I., Vt.) after voting for the measure Sunday. "But it is a step forward and I was happy to support it." The House is expected to pass the measure Friday.

Sanders is shortchanging legislation that may not reach his loftier goals but takes major strides toward them. Perhaps the most significant is it's finally allowing Medicare to negotiate some prescription drug prices, a goal advocates have sought and failed to reach for decades.

Since not all drugs will immediately be subject to the new law, some Medicare beneficiaries may not initially pay less for their prescriptions. Still, the Congressional Budget Office estimates Medicare will achieve \$102 billion in savings by being able to negotiate prices.

The legislation will limit Medicare recipients' out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs to \$2,000 annually, which will be a huge blessing to the 1.4 million beneficiaries with cancer or other debilitating diseases who spend much more than that every year.

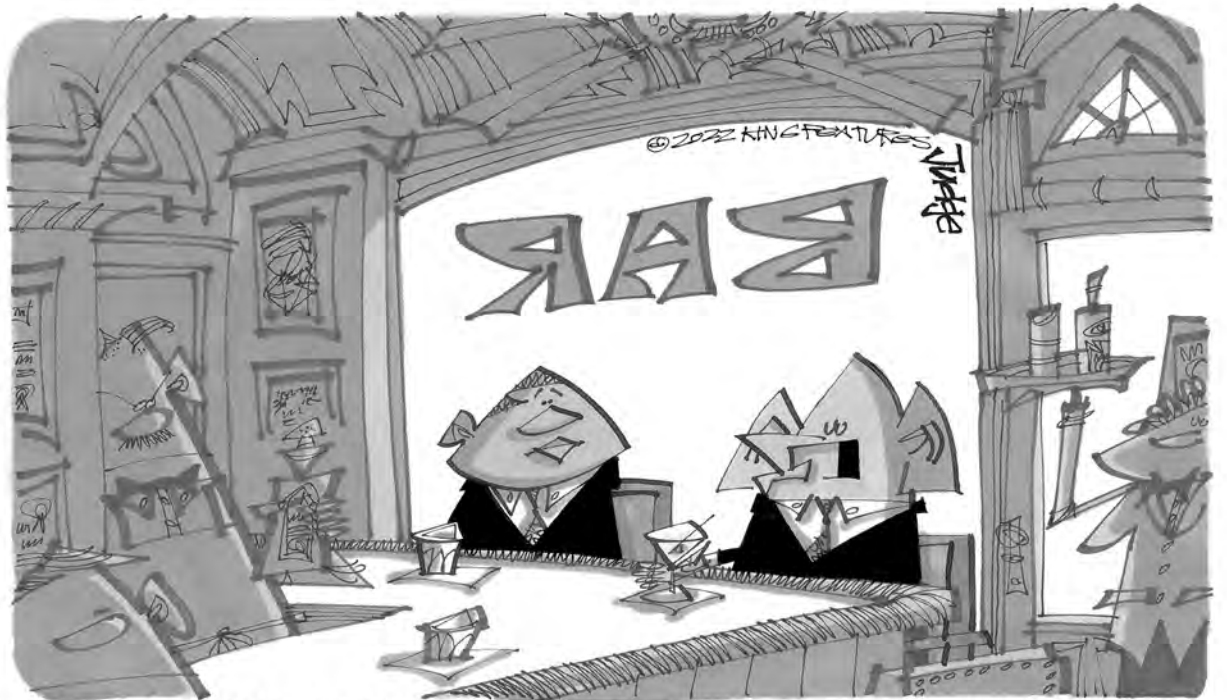
It extends for three years pandemic subsidies that lowered premiums for low- and middle-income families to buy health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and allows higher-income families who became eligible for subsidies during the pandemic to keep them during the extension.

And while the legislation is no Green New Deal, it can impact global warming by offering up to \$28,500 in tax incentives and rebates to consumers who buy energy-efficient home appliances, install solar panels, and purchase electric vehicles. That could help cut U.S. greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below peak 2005 levels by 2030.

The new law will also make the nation's tax system fairer by requiring corporations with more than \$1 billion in annual profits to pay at least 15% in taxes. It will also boost the Internal Revenue Service's funding by \$80 billion so it can better audit large corporations and high-income earners who have the means to exploit loopholes that cost the treasury billions of dollars.

For years, Republican-controlled Congresses playing footsie with monied interests have refused to appropriately fund the IRS. With limited personnel and outdated technol-

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"WE DON'T MIND IT WHEN THE POLICE SHOOT UNARMED BLACK MEN, BUT WHEN THE FBI CONDUCTS A LAWFUL SEARCH OF DONALD TRUMP'S RESIDENCE, IT MEANS LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS GONE TOO FAR."

Defund the no-longer law-and-order party!

Suddenly, news screens throughout our land are flooding us with new fears. Once again, it feels like we may be trapped in a reoccurring national nightmare that threatens to divide us and shatter our democracy.

It all seems frightening, yet familiar—like a melding of the shocking violence of Jan. 6 and the looping lunacy of Groundhog Day.

Except this week our news screens seemed to have become de facto radios. No videos of shocking violence against our government's protectors of law and order. Just words of anger, attacking our government's law and order protectors—and inciting violence against them from the most easy-to-stampede militants in our midst. Those inflammatory words gushed from our news screens all week—all spoken by Famous Name Republicans. The famous names of what we once hailed as the party of law and order attacked the U.S. law and order establishment for having done something awful at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago.

There could be no pictures of those horrible things the Republican leaders so vehemently denounced—because they made it all up. The Famous Name Republicans who rushed to attack this week didn't wait to find out the truth about what really happened down there. They just heard the accusations made by the leader and perpetual liar they inexplicably still follow: defeated President Donald Trump. Why? Because they fear his wrath. Also, they think that's how they can retake the Senate and House in November—and the presidency in 2024.

Those famous leaders of the former party of law and order used inflammatory words they knew could incite violence—just as those words did on Jan. 6.

In 2016, they chanted "Lock her up!" after Hillary Clinton arrogantly used her private email for government work. Now they promoted false claims to incite you to vent your rage against America's attorney general and FBI—the protectors who merely sought to retrieve apparently-highly classified government documents Trump took to his Florida home and deliver them to the National Archives, as the law requires.

Thursday night The Washington Post broke the news that the Republicans hadn't waited to learn before attacking: The documents the FBI obtained from unsecure Mar-a-Lago included nuclear documents that are among America's most carefully guarded secrets. Early Friday, the Post reported Trump just claimed the nuclear weapons issue a "hoax" and accused the FBI of planting evidence—without offering any verifying info.

This week, we couldn't tell the Republican famous names from the fringe fanatics as they attacked the AG and FBI, throwing around words like "Gestapo" and "Marxist dictatorship!"

"An intolerable state of weaponized politicization," said House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich suggested the "fake FBI" may have "planted" evidence. House Republican Whip Steve Scalise told Fox News everyone is concerned when agents go "rogue." Rep. Marjorie

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Taylor Greene, R-Ga., has a shameful new cause: "DEFUND THE FBI!" And of course they all used their attacks on law-and-order to raise money. Big-time.

Soon, social media began buzzing with hate messages: "Lock and load!" "Civil war!" Calls for assassinations. In Cincinnati on Thursday, an armed man who reportedly had ties to the Jan. 6 protest leaders tried to break into the FBI's Cincinnati headquarters. There was a chase, gunfire and he died.

None of the above needed to happen as it did. The problem was caused because top Justice and FBI officials allowed Trump and his Republican backers to initially define and characterize for the public what happened when the FBI went to Mar-a-Lago Monday. Trump said the FBI "raided" his home, adding: "Such an assault could only take place in broken, Third-World Countries."

Attorney General Merrick Garland, a figure of admirable legal principles, clearly did not appreciate the damage Trump and his Republican followers could create distorting reality and deceiving America.

Finally Thursday, Garland understood. He explained the need for what he and the FBI had done. Justice officials were negotiating with Trump's lawyers all year to obtain classified documents Trump kept. In January, Trump gave them 15 boxes of documents. Then U.S. officials learned there were more. In June, they met with Trump's lawyers in Mar-a-Lago, even shook hands with Trump and got more documents. Later an informant reportedly told officials Trump had other undisclosed classified documents. So a judge issued a search warrant.

Trump had to be in New York Monday for another legal matter. So that was the ideal time to search Mar-a-Lago with minimal embarrassment to the ex-president. On Monday the FBI notified the Secret Service they were coming and also informed Trump's attorney, who reportedly was there during the search. The agents carried no guns and wore civilian clothes, forsaking their windbreakers lettered "FBI."

So Monday's FBI search of Mar-a-Lago was nothing like the "raid" and "assault" Trump described in portraying himself as the ultimate victim, yet again. But the real victims could have been all of us. The FBI agents reportedly left with 12 more boxes of documents that would be delivered to the National Archives for safe keeping: Lock them up.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Letters to the editor must include the NAME, VILLAGE ADDRESS, and CONTACT NUMBER of the contributor. Letters that do not have these information will immediately be trashed. Contributions consisting of 500 words or less have more chances of getting published. The *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to publish a contribution or not; the right to edit submissions for length, accuracy, and clarity; and the right to publish and distribute contributions in print, electronic, or other media formats. Submissions may be sent via snail mail to the 2nd Floor, JP Center, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, 96950; fax (670) 235-3740; e-mail to editor@saipantribune.com; or through our website at www.saipantribune.com.

More on Taiwan

The aftereffects of U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi visit to Taiwan continue to reverberate throughout the island and the region, further exposing the truer nature of not only Taiwan-China cross-strait relations, but also U.S.-Sino relations as well.

The dominant focus informing the U.S.-Sino relations, at least from the broad American perspective, has to do with Taiwan. China maintains its claim of sovereignty over the island, while Taiwan's connection to the United States comes in the form of American pledges of support should Taiwan be attacked by China.

American military resources, a story of limits

America's force structure is already stretched too thin. The United States remains challenged in its efforts to pivot toward the Pacific Asia area. President Biden continues to work with a variety of allies in the region to sustain and/or shore up American influence throughout the region. But if a future war takes place in Europe requiring direct American long-term military commitments, what will happen if a simultaneous war breaks out over Taiwan? Can we assure the Taiwanese that we will remain a credible long-lasting partner in

both peace and hot war? If so, how?

Taiwan is a bigger deal than we may think

There are many reasons why Taiwan is a huge deal for the United States. Let's talk about some of the more salient aspects of Taiwan once again. The United States needs the world's most advanced microchips to move forward in this collective post-digital AI economy. Without having access to the world's most advanced microchips, American industrial ingenuity will falter. The United States must protect its ability to immediately purchase and receive access to the world's most sophisticated microchips, which are produced in Taiwan. If this access was cut off, the American national economy would run the risk of not moving forward fast enough and strong enough to maintain aggregate economic advantage over China across time and space.

Second, Taiwan provides American defense contractors with a captive market to sell hundreds of millions of dollars of military hardware and assets each year. The Pentagon continues to grow its military-to-military relationship with Taiwan to stay credible throughout the region. All this is being done in part because the Taiwan Strait is an area of the world that sees billions of dollars of sea- and air-based commerce and traffic transit every year. This must be protected and kept open to sustain American business and geopolitical interests, because it directly impacts U.S. economic activity.

The Chinese government views our involvement with Taiwan as a risk factor that creates unneeded instability. To the extent that we have people like Nancy Pelosi visiting Taiwan, this may be true. Yet we cannot simply walk away from Taiwan because we are too closely linked in many ways to the island.

If Taiwan was to ever be captured, taken over, and controlled by the Chinese communist government, it would be the single largest advancement for China in the realm of exercising military power since World War II. If China took control of Taiwan, Taiwan would then become the single most important location in East Asia that would afford the Chinese with a substantial forward operating military base post that would further enable Chinese aircraft, ships, submarines, and all unmanned systems to more effectively project power and influence into both the western Pacific and broader Pacific region overnight. Taking control of Taiwan would be a game changer for the Chinese military and its ability to project power into our region of the world.

Since House Speaker Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, the Chinese government has initiated hundreds, if not thousands, of cyber-attacks on Taiwan, effectively established an all-domain blockade of the island, and imposed an immediate ban on over 100 kinds of imports to the island. It is in China's core strategic interest to prevent or stop any ruptures that may occur in cross-strait relations.

China remains committed to reasserting its economic power and dominance in the region, with great success. It has called

RICK'S COLUMN

By RICK ARRIOLA PEREZ

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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out the United States for abrogating the over four-decade-old series of arrangements that have informed and shaped current Sino-U.S. relations. China remains determined to delegitimize Taiwan's current political power structures in favor of reasserting a one-China policy toward Taiwan.

China's power in the region can be seen through the absence or paucity of public statements offered by the top leaders of both Japan and South Korea to talk directly and publicly about the American House speaker's recent trip to Taiwan.

How the Marianas and the Chamorro people remain totally affected by US-Sino relations

Our island chain is the single most important American colonial insular territory on planet Earth. If America goes to war with Taiwan, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands will continue to provide substantial sea-based and air-based military support as well as information support to U.S. forces throughout a hot war scenario. The problem with this situation is that our island chain does not have enough missile defense measures in place to fully protect Guam, Tinian, Rota, or Saipan should China launch multiple attacks against U.S. forces stationed in the Marianas. Our Chamorro and civilian populations have no comprehensive nuclear bomb shelter infrastructure in place to go to and we are not protected against use of hypersonic weapons.

Believing that the U.S. will defend the Marianas in case a hot war breaks out against China is simply not enough. We need much more than beliefs and hopes because if hot war broke out, tourism would collapse, imports of oil and food could be delayed or possibly cut off, and these kinds of conditions will not be sustainable for thousands of Chamorro Pacific Islanders and fellow citizens who do not have ready access to logistical networks and resources readily available to millions of people living on large landmasses such as North America.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR**Questions that need to be asked**

According to your Aug. 12 edition, the governor has allotted close to \$2 million for a contract to clean up toxic materials stored in the Tinian Department of lands and Natural Resources compound.

Would you please ask your reporter to find out exactly what toxic wastes were stored at the DLNR compound. How long have the toxic wastes been stored there? How much was stored there? Was it properly stored? Was the Bureau of Environment and Coastal Quality aware of toxic wastes being stored at the DLNR compound?

Most importantly, has an independent contractor studied the site to determine if \$2 million is actually necessary, now that the area has been burned? There are so many unfinished projects on Tinian where those funds might be put to better use, like providing infrastructure to the West San Jose Village Homestead.

Don A. Farrell

Marpo Heights, Tinian

INFLATION

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ogy, the agency has been largely limited to pursuing underpayments of taxes made by low- or middle-income filers who made mistakes on their returns.

More than half of IRS audits in 2021 were directed at taxpayers with incomes less than \$75,000, and nearly half of those audits targeted families receiving the earned income tax credit, which is an anti-poverty measure. "God help us," exclaimed Sen. Lindsey Graham (R., S.C.) in response to the possibility of the IRS hiring up to 87,000 new agents. It's easy to guess who he meant by "us."

What the legislation won't do is greatly impact inflation. An analysis by the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania concluded it would "very slightly" increase inflation until 2024 and decrease inflation thereafter. "These point estimates are statistically indistinguishable from zero, thereby indicating low confidence that the legislation will have any impact on inflation," the analysis said.

Even so, this legislation that deserved a less deceitful name is a major step toward what the nation aspires to be in the 21st century—fairer, healthier, wealthier, wiser, and more prepared for the next 100 years.

How About an 'Others Day'?

Some folks never become a father or a mother I think some "others" deserve a day of honor after problems with a significant other it should not mean they are a social goner so each endures a separation survival and begins a search for an "other" revival do they need a Survival/Revival Day how about Bachelor's or an Old Maid's Day "Others" can be all those and still Uncle/Aunt There is Father's, Mother's and Groundhog Day Memorial, Veteran's and Independence Day D-Day, Liberation Day and President's Day neighbor's in Japan celebrate "Children's Day" with respect and honor to fathers and mothers let's have a day to celebrate all the "Others."

A Food Conservative Repressive

I read a lot about Liberal Progressives in agreement perhaps I am such a person DC GOP seems Conservative Repressive from 45 and Moscow Mitch take lessons

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY






Special to the Saipan Tribune

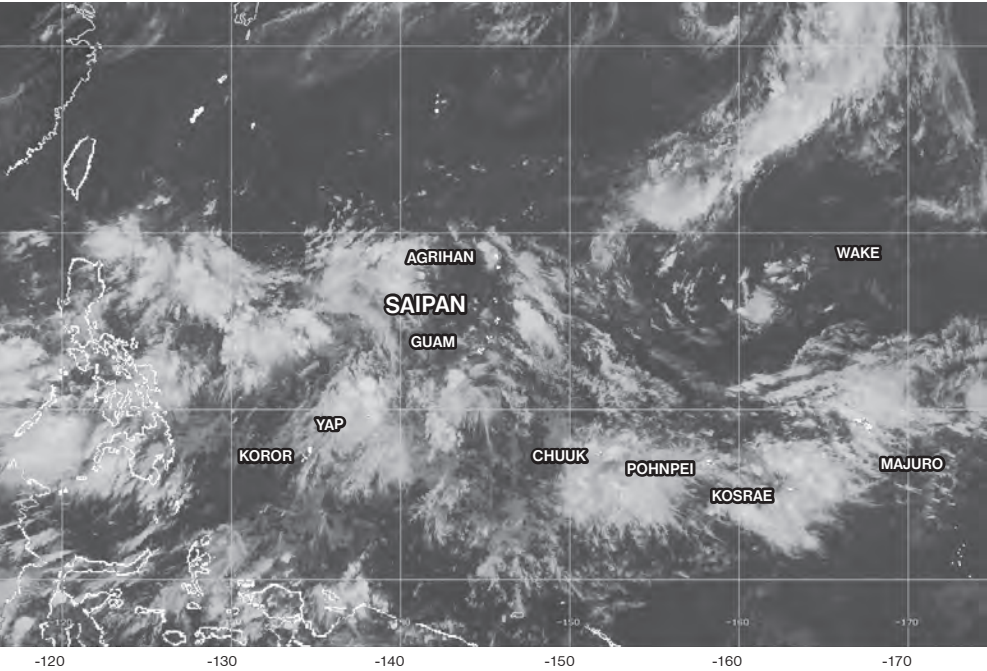
Joey aka Pepe Batbon is a retired educator who taught in the CNMI, NOLA, and LVNV. He is a sonnet practitioner who enjoys stargazing.



a senescent old pilgrim in a divided land
a muscle builder has a six pack of abs
my body crumbles and fat takes command
looking at myself I see a six pack of flabs
got a pound of fat under each of my arms
three girdles of fat wind around my waist
eating too much from beef and pork farms
sweet salty snacks filled with sugary paste
stay away from fat and be more aggressive
I'll become a food conservative repressive.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
									
Partly sunny		Mostly sunny		Mostly sunny		A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy		A chance of showers. Partly sunny	
88°	77°	88°	77°	88°	77°	86°	78°	87°	78°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 8:00 AM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Moderate southeasterlies with occasionally strong gusts prevail, as multiple rounds of showers make their way across the region. Ritidian buoy indicates seas are about 3 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

ons. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	87° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 76°	
Yap	Scattered Thunderstorms	84° / 78°	
Chuuk	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Showers	83° / 76°	
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	85° / 79°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Tuesday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Wednesday	6:02 AM	6:39 PM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:38 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	8:50 AM	9:17 PM
Tuesday	-	9:43 AM	9:55 PM
Wednesday	-	10:35 AM	10:34 PM
Thursday	-	11:27 AM	11:13 PM
Friday	-	12:19 PM	11:55 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Cloudy	59° / 55°	
Beijing	Cloudy	96° / 70°	
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	88° / 80°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 75°	
London	Sunny	85° / 65°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	90° / 67°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	86° / 76°	
Melbourne	Rain	56° / 49°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	83° / 67°	
Osaka	Thunderstorms	93° / 83°	
Paris	Showers	81° / 65°	
Busan	Thunderstorms	88° / 80°	
Rome	Thunderstorms	89° / 68°	
Salem	Mostly Sunny	90° / 70°	
San Francisco	Cloudy	73° / 58°	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	86° / 75°	
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	91° / 80°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	84° / 67°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
4:08 AM	Low Tide	0.95	
9:24 AM	High Tide	2.06	
4:19 PM	Low Tide	0.19	
10:41 PM	High Tide	2.05	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2022

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6	UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily	PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau	UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
				UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
				UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	Daily	7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6	7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6	TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:00PM	6:20PM	3, 7	7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7	BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA						SAIPAN TO TINIAN					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	8:30	9:00	Daily	1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun	1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily	1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN						TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily	2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun	2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily	2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM						GUAM TO ROTA					
LIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	4301	GUAM	ROTA	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

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FREE BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAIRCUTS

The first day of free haircuts yesterday by Fresh Factory drew many customers to the Kagman Community Center. Made possible by first lady Diann Torres in partnership with the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, Office of Governor, Fresh Factory and CNMI Women's Affairs Office, the free haircuts will continue today, Aug. 15. In addition to the free haircuts, there will also be free resilient tees and refreshments while supplies last. This is open to students from PK3 to high school as part of efforts to usher in the new school year. Walk-ins only.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



In Loving Memory XAVIER ATALIG CASTRO

December 3, 1971 - August 8, 2022

Xavier Atalig Castro passed away on August 8, 2022 at the age of 50, surrounded by his loving family. Preceded in death by his father, Joaquin Quichocho Castro and mother, Margarita Atalig Castro.

Xavier is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Williamae Duque Castro; four children: Maiana, Samaya, Lorenzo, and Giovani; family - Dorsha & Luis Moreno [Jasha & Travis Potter (Reese Potter), Torren Moreno], Deanna & Phil Sablan [Jordan Castro, Reece Sablan, Nathaniel Sablan], Dionne Castro & † Sachelle Featheran [Kiara & Jose Salgado (Malina Salgado, Marley Salgado)], Donnalynn & Joe Camacho [Tori Camacho, Ava Camacho], Christopher Castro, Isaiah Rodriguez-Thibodeau, and Daniel Castro; extended family and friends.

A dedicated spouse, father, sibling, and friend, he often referred to himself as a friend collector. He felt like he could never have enough friends, and found great joy in touching the lives of those around him. A parishioner of St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church in Spring, Texas. Xavier believed in giving back to his community, serving as a Cubmaster and Den Leader for the Cub Scouts of America, and as a board member for the community swim team.

Xavier made lifelong friends while pursuing his education at Fresno State, and later while earning his MBA at UH Manoa. His career took him to several destinations, and he was proud to have served the CNMI as a Director of Finance. His recent role as a Senior Consultant for Zuri Group gave him the opportunity to be of service to others by helping non-profit organizations succeed.

An avid athlete, he was well-known by his friends and family for being passionate about health, nutrition and fitness. If he wasn't running or hiking, he was often found training for an obstacle course like Tough Mudder or Spartan.

Xavier was caring, courageous, inspirational, easy-going, patient, and could easily bring comfort with a kind smile. He has blessed the lives of so many with his love and compassion.

Saipan Masses:

Kristo Rai Church

8/10	6:00 pm
8/11 -13	6:00 am
8/14	8:00 am
8/15 - 18	6:00 am

St. Jude Church

8/10-13	6:00 pm
8/14	6:00 am / 8:00 am
8/15 - 18	6:00 pm

Texas Funeral Service:

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church
7810 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379

Vigil: 8/16 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm (CST)

Funeral Mass: 8/17 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (CST)**

Reception: 8/17 from 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm (CST)

** You can view a livestream of the Texas funeral mass on 8/17 11:00 am CST by going to the link below
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVKpDmNvHv1YffUAysrlyNQ>

Nation

Agent: Rushdie off ventilator and talking, day after attack



Hadi Matar, 24, center, arrives for an arraignment in the Chautauqua County Courthouse in Mayville, N.Y., Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022.

MAYVILLE, N.Y. (AP)—“The Satanic Verses” author Salman Rushdie was taken off a ventilator and able to talk Saturday, a day after he was stabbed as he prepared to give a lecture in upstate New York.

Rushdie remained hospitalized with serious injuries, but fellow author Aatish Taseer tweeted in the evening that he was “off the ventilator and talking (and joking).” Rushdie’s agent, Andrew Wylie, confirmed that information without offering further details.

Earlier in the day, the man accused of attacking him Friday at the Chautauqua Institution, a nonprofit education and retreat center, pleaded not guilty to attempted murder and assault charges in what

a prosecutor called a “pre-planned” crime.

An attorney for Hadi Matar entered the plea on his behalf during an arraignment in western New York. The suspect appeared in court wearing a black and white jumpsuit and a white face mask, with his hands cuffed in front of him.

A judge ordered him held without bail after District Attorney Jason Schmidt told her Matar, 24, took steps to purposely put himself in position to harm Rushdie, getting an advance pass to the event where the author was speaking and arriving a day early bearing a fake ID.

“This was a targeted, unprovoked, preplanned attack on Mr. Rushdie,” Schmidt said.

Public defender Nathaniel Barone complained that authorities had taken too long to get Matar in front of a judge while leaving him “hooked up to a bench at the state police barracks.”

“He has that constitutional right of presumed innocence,” Barone added.

Rushdie, 75, suffered a damaged liver and severed nerves in an arm and an eye, Wylie said Friday evening. He was likely to lose the injured eye.

The attack was met with shock and outrage from much of the world, along with tributes and praise for the award-winning author who for more than 30 years has faced death threats for “The Satanic Verses.”

World

Russian shelling heavy in east

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russia’s military pounded residential areas across Ukraine overnight, claiming gains, as Ukrainian forces pressed a counteroffensive to try to take back an occupied southern region, striking the last working bridge over a river in the Russian-occupied Kherson region, Ukrainian authorities said Saturday.

A Russian rocket attack on the city of Kramatorsk killed three people and wounded 13 others Friday night, according to the mayor. Kramatorsk is the headquarters for Ukrainian forces in the country’s war-torn east.

The attack came less than a day after 11 other rockets were fired at the city, one of the two main Ukrainian-held ones in Donetsk province, the focus of an ongoing Russian offensive to capture eastern Ukraine’s Donbas region.

The Russian Defense Ministry claimed Saturday its forces had taken control of Pisky, a village on the outskirts of the city of Donetsk, the provincial capital that pro-Moscow separatists have controlled since 2014.

Russian troops and the Kremlin-backed rebels are

trying to seize Ukrainian-held areas north and west of the city of Donetsk to expand the separatists’ self-proclaimed republic. But the Ukrainian military said Saturday that its forces had prevented an overnight advance toward the smaller cities of Avdiivka and Bakhmut.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov also claimed that Russian strikes near Kramatorsk, 120 kilometers (75 miles) north of Donetsk city, destroyed a U.S.-supplied multiple rocket launcher and ammunition. Ukrainian authorities did not acknowledge any military losses but said Russian missile strikes Friday on Kramatorsk had destroyed 20 residential buildings.

Neither claim could be independently verified.

The Ukrainian governor of neighboring Luhansk province, part of the Donbas region that was overrun by Russian forces last month, claimed that Ukrainian troops still held a small area in the province. Writing on Telegram, Luhansk Gov. Serhii Haidai said the defending troops were holed up inside an oil refinery on the

edge of Lysychansk, a city that Moscow claimed to have captured, and also control areas near a village.

“The enemy is burning the ground at the entrances to the Luhansk region because it cannot overcome (Ukrainian resistance along) these few kilometers,” Haidai said. “It is difficult to count how many thousands of shells this territory of the free Luhansk region has withstood over the past month and a half.”

Further west, the governor of the Dnipropetrovsk region reported more Russian shelling of the city of Nikopol, which lies across the Dnieper River from Europe’s largest nuclear power plant.

Gov. Yevhen Yevtushenko did not specify whether Russian troops had fired at Nikopol from the occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. Writing on Telegram, he said Saturday that there were no casualties but residential buildings, a power line and a gas pipeline were damaged.

Nikopol has undergone daily bombardment for most of the past week, and a volley of shells killed three people and damaged 40 apartment buildings on Thursday, he said.

Saudi Aramco’s profits hit \$88B

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Saudi oil company Aramco’s half-year profits peaked just shy of \$88 billion for the first half of the year as oil prices remain high globally, the company said Sunday.

The oil and gas company, which is nearly entirely state-owned by Saudi Arabia, said it also saw a 90% surge in net profits for the second quarter of 2022 compared to the same time last year.

Aramco said the results set a new quarterly earnings

record for the company since it floated around 5% of the company on the Saudi stock market in late 2019. The company said it would pay a dividend of \$18.8 billion for the second quarter to shareholders, as it has promised to do since its IPO.

Aramco said the profits were driven primarily by higher crude oil prices and volumes sold, and higher refining margins.

The higher profits bode well for the Saudi government,

which despite years of efforts to diversify the economy continues to be heavily reliant on oil and gas sales for revenue.

Aramco President CEO Amin Nasser said the results of the second quarter reflect increasing demand for the kingdom’s oil, which is among the world’s cheapest to produce.

“We expect oil demand to continue to grow for the rest of the decade, despite downward economic pressures on short-term global forecasts,” he said.

Over 50 deaths from seasonal floods in Sudan

CAIRO (AP)—Floods triggered by seasonal torrential rains in Sudan have killed more than 50 people and inundated over 8,170 homes since the rainy season started, a senior police official said Saturday.

Nineteen fatalities have been recorded in North Kordofan province, followed by Nile River province, which reported seven deaths, said Brig. Gen. Abdul-Jalil Abdul-Rahim, spokesman for Sudan’s National Council for Civil Defense. The western Darfur region, which has five provinces, reported 16

deaths, he added.

He did not say when the first causality occurred. Sudan’s rainy season usually starts in June and lasts until September, with floods peaking in August and September.

Abdul-Rahim said at least 25 people were also injured so far this year, according to the country’s state-run SUNA news agency.

The flooding and heavy rainfall inundated 16 government facilities and around 40 stores, and damaged at least 540 feddans (acres) of agricultural land across the country, Abdul-Rahim said.

The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has said an estimated 38,000 people have been affected by heavy rainfall across the East African country since May.

Last year, flooding and heavy rains killed more than 80 people and swamped tens of thousands of houses across the country. In 2020, authorities declared Sudan a natural disaster area and imposed a three-month state of emergency across the country after flooding and heavy rain killed around 100 people and inundated over 100,000 houses.

ACROSS THE NATION

Reports: 1 dead, 17 hurt in crash outside Pennsylvania bar

BERWICK, Pa. (AP)—One person has died and another 17 people were injured after a vehicle struck a crowd gathered at a Pennsylvania bar on Saturday for an event to raise money for victims of a house fire that killed 10 earlier this month, authorities said. WNEP-TV said the crash occurred outside the Intoximology Department bar in Berwick at about 6:15 p.m. It said police and emergency medical personnel were on the scene attending to multiple injured people. The Pennsylvania State Police said in a statement that a male suspect is in custody awaiting criminal charges. The bar was holding a fundraiser for those touched by an Aug. 5 blaze that killed seven adults and three

children in nearby Nescopeck, the station reported.

Police: Man slashed 3 with machete after trying to buy guns

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. (AP)—A Long Island man is facing assault and weapons charges for allegedly attacking three people with a machete at a sporting goods store. Suffolk County police said Saturday that the attack occurred the previous afternoon at a Dick’s Sporting Goods store in Patchogue, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) east of New York City. Treyvius Tunstall allegedly asked to buy rifles but walked away after he was asked to provide identification. According to police, he then slashed a store manager with a machete and attacked

two other people as he fled.

2 killed when small plane crashes on roadway in Illinois

HANNA CITY, Ill. (AP)—Two people were killed Saturday when a single-engine plane crashed on a roadway in the small central Illinois community of Hanna City, officials said. According to officials in Peoria County, the plane crashed at about 12:30 p.m. on Route 116. Peoria County Coroner Jamie Harwood said two people who have not been identified were killed and autopsies will be conducted Monday, the (Peoria) Journal Star reported. There were no immediate reports of any other injuries. The roadway was closed Saturday afternoon as crews worked to clear debris.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

*In Loving Memory of**Dolores Sablan Moore*

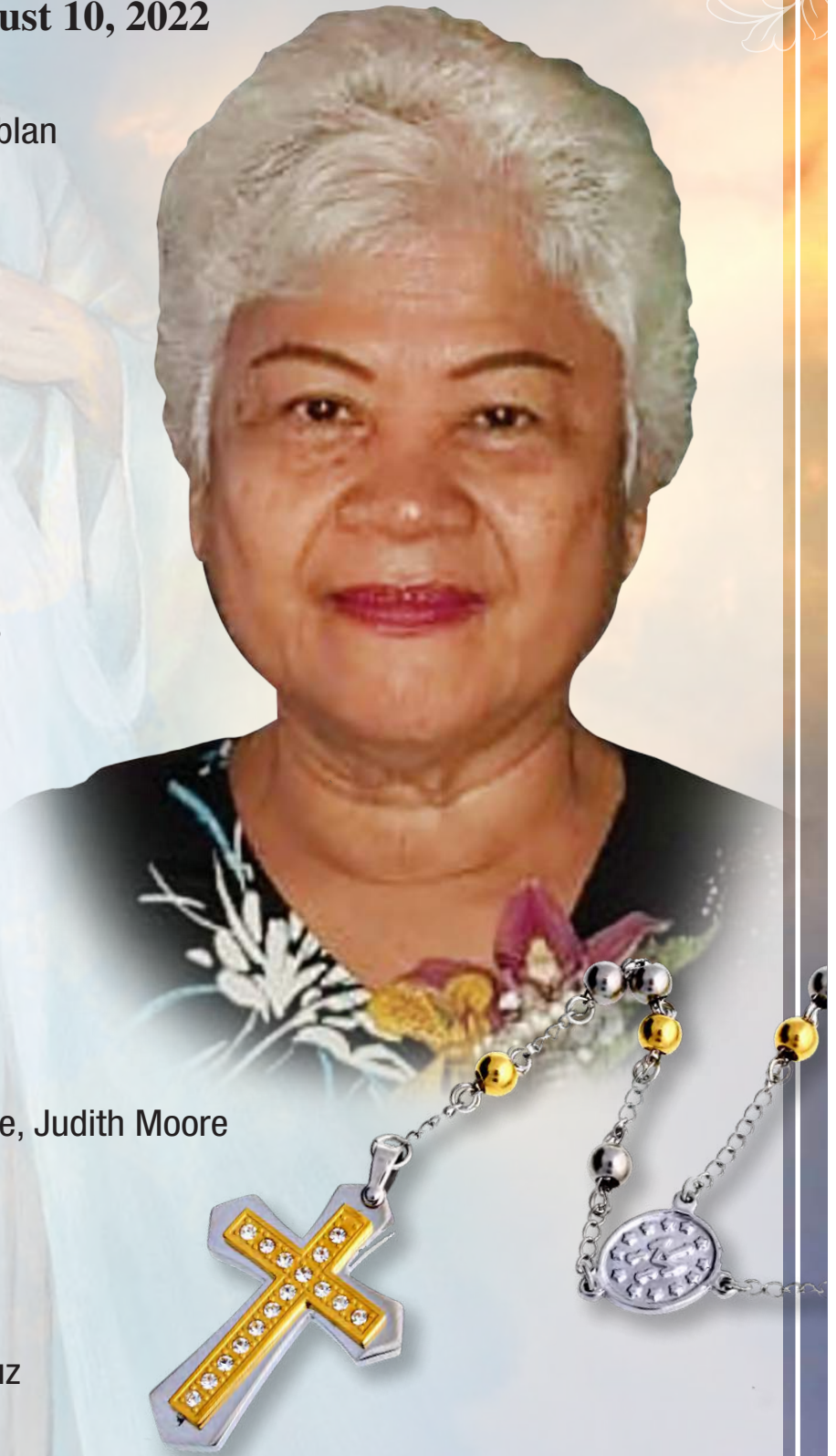
(Lovingly known as "Arinko")
March 18, 1949 – August 10, 2022

In her new life, she now joins:**Parents:** Felipe Camacho & Joaquina Cabrera Sablan**Parents In Law:** Gilbert & M. Elizabeth Moore**In Laws:** Gary Moore, Linda Moore
Diane Moore, Thomas Hurst**Survived by:**
Husband: John G. Moore, SCPO, USCG (Ret.)**Children:** Deborah Marie Moore
Donna M. & Mark W. Flores
John G. Moore Jr.
Jane Elizabeth Moore & Jeffrey Tenorio**Grand Children:** Jonah Edward Flores & Dolores B. Salas
(Jianah Hailey and Demi Monae)
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Maria (Wella) S. & Arnold I. Palacios
Asuncion (Bea) S. & Joaquin T. Quitugua
Felipe C. & Rebecca K. Sablan
Trinidad (Doll) S. & Juan D. Diaz**In Laws:** Donald Moore, Karen Moore, Dolly Moore, Judith Moore**Children at Heart:** Jennifer M. & Richard S. Villagomez
Benjamin H. Flores**Close Friends:** Marcy P. Cepeda, Mina M. Benavente,
Ena P. Villagomez, Vivian Pangelinan-Cruz

Additionally survived by numerous relatives and friends.

On Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 7:30 a.m., our beloved Dolores will be escorted from the CHCC Chapel to Kristo Rai Church. Responso and Holy Rosary will commence upon arrival followed by viewing and last respects.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. immediately followed by interment at CNMI Veterans Cemetery.

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Polio detected in NYC's sewage, suggesting virus circulating

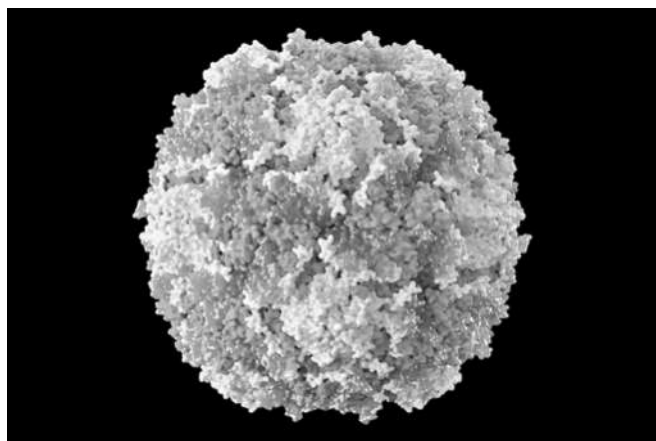
NEW YORK (AP)—The virus that causes polio has been found in New York City's wastewater in another sign that the disease, which hadn't been seen in the U.S. in a decade, is quietly spreading among unvaccinated people, health officials said Friday.

The presence of the polio-virus in the city's wastewater suggests likely local circulation of the virus, health authorities from the city, New York state and the federal government said.

The authorities urged parents to get their children vaccinated against the potentially deadly disease.

"The risk to New Yorkers is real but the defense is so simple—get vaccinated against polio," New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan said. "With polio circulating in our communities there is simply nothing more essential than vaccinating our children to protect them from this virus, and if you're an unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated adult, please choose now to get the vaccine. Polio is entirely preventable and its reappearance should be a call to action for all of us."

Dr. José R. Romero, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, said, "This is sobering; we know polio spreads silently, and



This 2014 illustration made available by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention depicts a polio virus particle.

it's likely that there are many people infected with polio and shedding the virus in these communities. This is also an urgent and living reminder of the importance of vaccination."

New York City is being forced to confront polio as city health officials are struggling to vaccinate vulnerable populations against monkeypox and adjusting to changing COVID-19 guidelines.

"We are dealing with a trifecta," Mayor Eric Adams said Friday on CNN. "COVID is still very much here. Polio, we have identified polio in our sewage, and we're still dealing with the monkeypox crisis. But the

team is there. And we're coordinating and we're addressing the threats as they come before us, and we're prepared to deal with them with the assistance of Washington, D.C."

The announcement about the discovery of the polio virus in New York City comes shortly after British health authorities reported finding evidence the virus has spread in London but found no cases in people. Children ages 1-9 in London were made eligible for booster doses of a polio vaccine Wednesday.

In New York, one person suffered paralysis weeks ago because of a polio infection in Rockland County, north of the

city. Wastewater samples collected in June in both Rockland and adjacent Orange County were found to contain the virus.

CDC officials said the virus identified in wastewater samples collected in New York City did not contain enough genetic material to determine if they were linked to the Rockland County patient.

Most people infected with polio have no symptoms but can still give the virus to others for days or weeks. Vaccination offers strong protection, and authorities urged people who haven't gotten the shots to seek one immediately.

Based on past outbreaks, it is possible that hundreds of people in the state have gotten polio and don't know it, officials said.

Polio was once one of the nation's most feared diseases, with annual outbreaks causing thousands of cases of paralysis. The disease mostly affects children.

Vaccines became available starting in 1955, and a national vaccination campaign cut the annual number of U.S. cases to less than 100 in the 1960s and fewer than 10 in the 1970s, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A small percentage of people

who contract polio suffer paralysis. The disease is fatal for 5-10% of those paralyzed.

All schoolchildren in New

York are required to have a polio vaccine, but Rockland and Orange counties are both known as centers of vaccine resistance.

EXPLAINER: What to know

The polio virus has been found in New York City sewage, but officials are stressing that the highest risk is for people who haven't been vaccinated.

Polio was once one of the nation's most feared diseases, with annual outbreaks causing thousands of cases of paralysis. Its elimination in the U.S., officially declared in 1979, is considered one of the nation's greatest public health victories. Yet cases have cropped up occasionally since then, often among people who had traveled to other countries.

Recently, an unvaccinated young adult north of New York City contracted polio. On Friday, health officials in the nation's largest city said they had found the virus in wastewater samples, suggesting it was spreading among the unvaccinated.

Here are some details on polio and the vaccine:

HOW DOES POLIO SPREAD?

Polio is considered very contagious and spreads mostly from person to person, through contaminated water and via fecal particles.

Health officials say the virus also can spread through droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze, though that is less common.

What are the symptoms?

Most infected people have no visible symptoms. About a quarter will endure a few days of flu-like symptoms, such as fever, sore throat, headache and nausea.

A small fraction of people, however, can get more serious illness. The virus can infect a person's spinal cord, causing paralysis and possibly permanent disability and death.

Aren't most Americans vaccinated against polio?

Yes. U.S. children are still routinely vaccinated against polio and the shots are considered to be highly effective. Federal officials recommend four doses: to be given at 2 months of age; 4 months; at 6 to 18 months; and at age 4 through 6 years. Some states require only three doses.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's most recent data, about 93% of 2-year-olds had received at least three doses of polio vaccine.

If I am vaccinated against polio, do I need to do anything?

For most people, no. Adults who were fully vaccinated as children have protective antibodies in their blood for decades, according to the CDC. In a nationwide study of adults aged 40-49 about a decade ago, around 90% had protective antibodies to the virus.

That said, health officials previously have recommended boosters in some cases, like for adults who are at increased risk of coming in contact with the polio virus because of their travel or work.

What should I do if I am unvaccinated?

Health officials recommend that unvaccinated people get the shots. In New York, clinics have been set up to make the vaccines available.

People who are unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated are at greatest risk of paralysis from polio. The person in Rockland County who was diagnosed with paralytic polio was unvaccinated. (AP)

Germany: EU could OK combined COVID vaccines next month

BERLIN (AP)—Germany's health minister said Friday

that European Union drug regulators may authorize the use of vaccines that are each effective against two variants of the coronavirus.

German Health Minister Karl Lauterbach said he expected the European Medicines Agency to meet Sept. 1 to consider a vaccine that would provide protection against the original virus and the omicron variant, also known as BA.1.

The EU agency would likely meet again on Sept. 27 to review a combined vaccine against the original virus and the BA.5 variant that is responsible for the latest global surge in COVID-19 cases, Lauterbach said.

Germany has procured sufficient amounts of both vac-

cines and would be able to start rolling them out a day after they received authorization, he said.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has said that combination vaccines, known as "bivalent" or "multivalent" shots, will allow boosters to retain the proven benefits of original coronavirus vaccines while providing additional protection against new variants.

Such an approach is used with flu shots, which are adjusted each year depending on the variants that are circulating and can protect against four influenza strains.

Lauterbach, a trained epidemiologist, said the potential for the coronavirus to keep mutating remained high.

WHO plans to rename monkeypox over stigmatization concerns

LONDON (AP)—The World Health Organization says it's holding an open forum to rename the disease monkeypox, after some critics raised concerns the name could be derogatory or have racist connotations.

In a statement Friday, the U.N. health agency said it has also renamed two families, or clades, of the virus, using Roman numerals instead of geographic areas, to avoid

stigmatization. The version of the disease formerly known as the Congo Basin will now be known as Clade one or I and the West Africa clade will be known as Clade two or II.

WHO said the decision was made following a meeting of scientists this week and in line with current best practices for naming diseases, which aims to "avoid causing offense to any cultural, social, national,

regional, professional, or ethnic groups, and minimize any negative impact on trade, travel, tourism or animal welfare."

Numerous other diseases, including Japanese encephalitis, Marburg virus, Spanish influenza and Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome have been named after the geographic areas where they first arose or were identified. WHO has not publicly suggested

changing any of those names.

Monkeypox was first named in 1958 when research monkeys in Denmark were observed to have a "pox-like" disease, although they are not thought to be the animal reservoir.

WHO said it was also opening a way for the public to suggest new names for monkeypox, but did not say when any new name would be announced.

Healthy Living

Moderate drinking

U.S. dietary guidelines define moderate drinking as one drink a day for women and two drinks a day for men. Binge drinking is defined as four or more drinks in one sitting for women or five for men.

What counts as one drink?

Beer

12 ounces of 5% ABV (alcohol by volume) beer

Wine

5 ounces of 12% ABV wine

Liquor

1.5 ounces of 40% ABV (80-proof) spirits or liquor

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Life & Style

Anne Heche remains on life support for donor evaluation

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Anne Heche remains on life support and under evaluation for organ donation after a car crash that led to her brain death, a representative for the actor said Friday.

Under current California law, death can be determined by the loss of all brain function and in accordance with accepted medical standards.

While Heche is legally dead, she's on life support and "her heart is still beating" so that the nonprofit organization OneLegacy can determine if she can be a donor, spokeswoman Holly Baird said in a statement.

The process, which involves assessing which organs are vi-

able and finding an appropriate recipient, could take from one day to several days, Baird told The Associated Press.

In the U.S., most organ transplants are done after the donor has been declared brain-dead.

The actor suffered a "severe anoxic brain injury," caused by a lack of oxygen, when her car crashed into a Los Angeles area home Aug. 5 and fire erupted, according to a statement released Thursday that said she wasn't expected to survive.

She's been hospitalized



Heche

at a Los Angeles burn center.

"This is a sad day. I'm sending Anne's children, family and friends all of my love," Ellen DeGeneres said Friday on Twitter amid reports of Heche's dire condition. They were a couple from 1997 to 2000.

Detectives investigating the crash said narcotics were found in a blood sample taken from Heche, though toxicology tests still had to be performed to differentiate them from drugs she was given for her injuries, Los Angeles police said.

A native of Ohio, Heche first came to prominence on the NBC soap opera "Another World" from 1987 to 1991. She won a Daytime Emmy Award for the role of twins Marley and Vicky.

In the late 1990s she became

one of the hottest actors in Hollywood, a constant on magazine covers and in big-budget films. In 1997 alone, she played opposite Johnny Depp as his wife in "Donnie Brasco" and Tommy Lee Jones in "Volcano" and was part of the ensemble cast in the

original "I Know What You Did Last Summer."

The following year, she starred with Harrison Ford in "Six Days, Seven Nights" and appeared with Vince Vaughn and Joaquin Phoenix in "Return to Paradise."

LAPD ends investigation into Anne Heche car crash

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Los Angeles Police Department has ended its investigation into Anne Heche's car accident, when the actor crashed into a Los Angeles home on Aug. 5.

Heche, 53, is brain dead and on life support, pending evaluation for organ donation.

"As of today, there will be no further investigative efforts made in this case," the department announced Friday. "Any information or records that have been requested prior to this turn of events will still be collected as they arrive as a matter of formalities and included in

the overall case. When a person suspected of a crime expires, we do not present for filing consideration."

Detectives looking into the crash had said narcotics were found in a blood sample taken from Heche. She has been hospitalized at a Los Angeles burn center.

Britney Spears' ex convicted of trespassing in wedding raid

VENTURA, Calif. (AP)—A man once briefly married to Britney Spears has been convicted of aggravated trespassing and battery at the pop star's June wedding.

Jason Alexander, 40, pleaded no contest to the two misdemeanor counts in a California court, prosecutors in Ventura County announced Thursday. The Ventura County judge sentenced him to the 64 days he has

already served in jail.

Prosecutors dropped charges of felony stalking and misdemeanor vandalism.

Spears married longtime boyfriend Sam Asghari at her home in Thousand Oaks, California, on June 9, in front of several dozen guests including Selena Gomez, Drew Barrymore, Paris Hilton and Madonna.

Alexander, a childhood friend of Spears to whom she

was married for less than three days in 2004, appeared uninvited at the house before the ceremony while livestreaming on Instagram.

He got inside the house and up to the locked door of Spears' bedroom when she was inside getting ready for the wedding, according to testimony at a preliminary hearing.

Alexander refused to leave the property when told, battered a security guard who

tried to remove him, and damaged a door, prosecutors said.

After he entered his plea, a judge issued a new protective order forbidding him from coming within 100 yards of Spears or the security guard.

Alexander's attorney, Sandra Bisignani, did not immediately reply to an email seeking comment. She previously said in court that there was no evidence he had any intention of harming Spears.

Judds petition court to seal report of death investigation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The family of country singer Naomi Judd filed an amended court petition Friday to seal police reports and recordings made during the investigation into her death.

The family filed the petition in Williamson County Chancery Court, saying the records contain video and audio interviews with relatives in the immediate aftermath of Judd's death and releasing such details would inflict "significant trauma and irreparable harm."

The petition was filed on behalf of the singer's husband Larry Strickland and her daughters Ashley and Wynonna Judd and was a more detailed follow-up to an earlier request made by the family last week. A representative provided it to The Associ-

ated Press with the family's permission.

Judd, 76, died on April 30 at her home in Tennessee. Her daughter Ashley has previously said that her mother killed herself, and the family said she was lost to "the disease of mental illness."

The court filing on Friday also included details about how Ashley Judd found her mother alive after she shot herself. Ashley stayed by her mother's side, waiting for 30 minutes until help arrived.

The petition asks the court to prohibit the Williamson County Sheriff's Office from releasing the records for several reasons, among them that the disclosure would include her medical records and that the family has a right to privacy.

Two years after Zoom incident, Jeffrey Toobin leaving CNN

NEW YORK (AP)—Jeffrey Toobin, who rejoined CNN as a legal analyst after stepping away in the wake of exposing himself to colleagues in a Zoom call, said Friday that he was leaving the network after 20 years.

Toobin announced the move

in a tweet, saying he was glad to spend his last day on the air with friends Wolf Blitzer, Anderson Cooper and Don Lemon.

"Love all my former colleagues," he wrote.

Toobin was fired by The New Yorker magazine in 2020 after the news came out that he

was spotted masturbating on a Zoom call with magazine employees. Toobin said he didn't realize his camera was on, and apologized for the incident.

CNN brought him back on the air eight months after the incident took place.

Toobin had been with CNN

since 2002 and is the author of several books, most recently "True Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Investigation of Donald Trump," published in August 2020. His 1996 book, "The Run of His Life: The People v. O.J. Simpson," was adapted into an FX series.

Retired man ready to travel while wife is still working

DEAR ABBY: I'm 62 and recently retired. My wife is 56 and still working. We have been married 32 years. She will retire at 60 to get a full pension from her company, and we have several million dollars in our retirement savings.

We travel together internationally once a year for about 10 days. I have talked to her about my desire to travel more often by myself or with my retired friends, since now is my "golden age" and I'm still physically able to do it. I enjoy classical operas/music and would like to go to some music festivals, such as the Salzburg festival, etc.

My wife thinks I'm selfish since she still works. I have explained to her that we can't predict our future physical abilities (my knees are deteriorating). If, by the time she retires, I'm no longer physically strong enough to travel, I may regret it forever.

If the situation were reversed and she wanted to travel by herself or with her friends after she's retired, I think it would be selfish of me to insist she not do it. Is she right? Is my desire to travel more before my wife retires selfish?

PONDERING IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PONDERING: I don't think so. You have worked hard for many years to be able to afford the luxury, and you should be "allowed" to enjoy the benefits of your labors with her blessing. In a few more years, she will have

the same freedom.

P.S. I hope your health will allow you both to take many more vacations together in the future. And don't count yourself out because of your "deteriorating" knees. As I'm sure you are aware, knee replacements are common now. Several individuals I know say it has greatly improved their lives. (Hips, too!)

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a very successful 55-year-old married man. I love my wife, but I have a girlfriend I also love. Both women feed my soul. I hate that society tells me I'm wrong for having the two of them. I spend quality time with both. I make enough money to go on expensive, extended vacations. I love my life.

These two ladies are the best thing that ever happened to me besides my three beautiful children. Why shouldn't I be able to enjoy both of them without feeling like I'm sneaking around all the time? I know there are going to be naysayers who respond. But most women will probably never be the only woman in a man's life.

HAPPY WITH TWO

DEAR HAPPY WITH TWO: This may seem like a silly, unimportant detail but — how do your wife and your mistress feel about this arrangement? You mentioned that you feel like you are sneaking around. Why is that? Isn't your wife on board with it? And how about your mistress? Will she be

DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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satisfied with the status quo until she's a senior citizen with the understanding that you will leave her a very rich old lady?

It's not lost on me that nowhere in your letter have you asked me for "advice." I'm printing this because we all know there are married men in the upper income brackets who, like you, feel entitled to enjoy the attentions of more than one woman. But all it demonstrates is that having money does not guarantee a person has character—or class.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Russell's No. 6 being retired across NBA, a 1st for league

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP BASKETBALL WRITER



Bill Russell's No. 6 jersey is being retired across the NBA, a first for the league.

The NBA and the National Basketball Players Association announced Thursday that the number worn by the 11-time champion, civil rights activist and person good enough to be enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach was being permanently retired by all 30 teams.

"Bill Russell's unparalleled success on the court and pioneering civil rights activism deserve to be honored in a unique and historic way," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "Permanently retiring his No. 6 across every NBA team ensures that Bill's transcendent career will always be recognized."

Players who currently wear No. 6 — including the Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James — may continue doing so. But the number cannot be issued again, the league said.

All NBA players will wear a patch on the right shoulder of their jerseys this season, the league said, and every NBA court will display a clover-shaped logo with the No. 6 on the sideline near the scorer's table.

The Boston Celtics have "separate and unique recognition for him on their uniforms" planned, the NBA said.

Russell died on July 31 at the age of 88. He was the most prolific winner in NBA history, an 11-time champion during a 13-year career — winning the last two of those titles as a player-coach — and the first Black coach in any of the major U.S. pro sports to win a championship.

He marched with Martin Luther King Jr., stood with Muhammad Ali and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama.

And having his number retired leaguewide puts him in a very exclusive club.

Major League Baseball permanently retired No. 42 — in honor of Jackie Robinson, who broke the big league's color barrier — with the understanding that those who were wearing that number could continue to do so. Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees was the last in the majors to wear No. 42, doing so through his final season in 2013.

The NHL, upon Wayne Gretzky's retirement in 1999, said his No. 99 would be retired leaguewide in honor of that sport's all-time scoring leader.

And now, Russell gets the



Former Boston Celtics basketball player Bill Russell addresses an audience during a campaign fundraising event, in Boston, May 18, 2011. **AP**

same treatment. It also seems fitting that he and Robinson — both barrier-breakers

— are linked again. Russell called Robinson a hero, once saying that "he showed me

the way to be a man in professional sports."

Robinson, clearly, held Rus-

sell in high esteem as well. Rachel Robinson, his widow, asked Russell to be a pall-

bearer at her husband's funeral in 1972.

"This is a momentous honor reserved for one of the greatest champions to ever play the game," NBPA Executive Director Tamika Tremaglio said. "Bill's actions on and off the court throughout the course of his life helped to shape generations of players for the better and for that, we are forever grateful. We are proud to continue the celebration of his life and legacy alongside the league."

There have been more than 250 players in NBA history to wear a No. 6 jersey, including 24 who did so in at least one game last season — most notably, James, who has alternated between 6 and 23 throughout his NBA career.

Nobody has worn No. 6 for the Celtics since Russell's final season, 1968-69.

Russell is one of 12 players currently enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame who wore No. 6 at at least some point in their careers. The others: Julius Erving, Patrick Ewing, Ben Wallace, Don Barksdale, Chuck Cooper, Larry Costello, Tom Gola, Cliff Hagan, Alex Hannum, Buddy Jeanette and Neil Johnston.

NBA diversity study finds job gains by minorities, women



Boston Celtics coach Ime Udoka reacts during the fourth quarter of Game 6 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors, Thursday, June 16, 2022, in Boston **AP**

By **AARON BEARD**
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

A diversity report found the NBA posting nearly across-the-board gains in hiring of minorities and women after a small, one-year dip in its overall grade.

Wednesday's report card from The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport (TIDES) at the University of Central Florida gave the NBA an overall A grade, with an A-plus for racial hiring and a B-plus for gender hiring. The report annually examines hiring for positions with franchises

and in league leadership, with this study using data from the 2021-22 season.

A year earlier, the league saw its overall grade dip to a B-plus despite its status as the leader among men's professional leagues evaluated by TIDES. It was the first time the NBA had failed to register at least an A-minus since 2006, though institute director and lead report author Richard Lapchick noted then that the decrease had been due largely to a methodology change to include team ownership.

"I think it's significant that

they got back to that kind of (level)," Lapchick said in an interview with The Associated Press. "They were still in the lead, but this is a show of marked improvement over the course of the past 12 months. I think clearly this is really good news for the NBA."

The league's scores in each major category increased multiple percentage points, reaching a 91.8 overall (up 3.5 from 2021), a 97.0 in racial hiring (2.2) and 86.5 in gender hiring (4.6).

Notably, the league has significant representation by

people of color in leadership positions. That included 15 head-coaching jobs, 12 general managers and 50% of assistant coaching positions among the league's 30 teams, according to the study.

"They are the public face of the franchise for the most part," Lapchick said of coaches and GMs. "It's who most people think about when they think about their team other than the players."

"And they're the significant decision-makers. They're the ones who are going to make the draft calls, make the trades. Obviously the coaches are going to decide who's playing and the rotation. So to have such representation by people of color is very significant."

The list of prominent names in those roles include Boston head coach Ime Udoka — who led the Celtics to the NBA Finals in his first season — along with the tandem of coach Monty Williams and general manager James Jones in Phoenix, which finished with a league-best 64 regular-season wins.

The number of head coaches of color will increase to 16 next season, tying the record from 2011-12. The Los Angeles Lakers hired Darvin Ham and the Sacramento Kings hired Mike Brown, while the Charlotte Hornets fired James

Borrego — transactions that weren't included in the 2021-22 data but highlighted the net-positive trend.

In gender hiring, the study highlighted women accounting for 43.4% of professional-staff roles at the NBA league office for an A grade, the highest percentage since the 2009-10 season study. Women also had gains in team-level areas such as vice presidents (30%, C-plus), senior-management roles (39%, B-plus) and professional staff (34.2%, B).

The league also earned an A-plus grade for its broad diversity initiatives.

"We remain encouraged by the progress on diversity at the league office and across our teams, which is a reflection of our ongoing commitment to be inclusive in all of our business processes and practices," NBA Chief People and Inclusion Officer Oris Stuart said in a statement to The AP. "Diversity, equity and inclusion are core principles of the NBA and integral to our work. Those principles will guide our ongoing efforts and, we believe, will lead to continued improvement."

This is the second study from TIDES for the 2021-22 or 2022 season, following Major League Baseball in May. Reports will follow for the WNBA, Major League Soccer, the NFL and college sports.

DeGrom, Mets outduel Nola, Phillies 1-0 in NL East showdown



NEW YORK
(AP)—Jacob de-

Grom struck out 10 in six dominant innings and Edwin Díaz earned his 200th career save, helping the New York Mets beat the Philadelphia Phillies 1-0 on Saturday night.

Pete Alonso hit an early RBI single as the NL East leaders improved to 31-9 following a loss and 10-4 in the season series with Philadelphia. Alonso leads the NL with 97 RBIs.

Díaz issued two walks in the ninth, and Philadelphia had runners on second and third when Nick Castellanos struck out swinging for the final out. It was Díaz's 27th save of the season.

DeGrom (2-0) allowed two hits and walked none in his third start after spending the first part of the season on the injured list. It was deGrom's second double-digit strikeout game since returning and his 55th in the regular season overall.

Philadelphia wasted a terrific performance by Aaron Nola (8-9), who allowed four hits in eight innings. The right-hander struck out eight and walked one. The Phillies finished with three hits.

Dodgers 13, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Mo., Max Muncy had a homer and four RBIs, Mookie Betts hit his team-leading 26th home run and Los Angeles extended its winning streak to 12 games with a win over Kansas City.

Muncy went 4 for 5, including his 14th homer of the season, a two-run shot to right field in the fourth inning. Betts led off the game with a homer as part of a five-run first inning. A season-high six Dodgers homered, including Joey Gallo, Cody Bellinger, Will Smith and Gavin Lux.

Andrew Heaney allowed two runs with five strikeouts in three innings. Dodgers relievers Caleb Ferguson, Chris Martin, Phil Bickford (2-1) and Reyes Moronta held Kansas City to a run.

Yankees 3, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Isiah Kiner-Falefa drove in the go-ahead run with a safety squeeze in the ninth inning and hit his first career homer with New York, sending the AL East-leading Yankees past Boston for their second win in 10 games and manager Aaron Boone's 400th career victory with the Yankees.

Alex Verdugo had two hits for Boston, which had won its last two games, including a dramatic 3-2 win over New York in 10 innings on Friday night.

Andrew Benintendi sparked

New York's winning rally with a one-out double off the center-field wall against John Schreiber (3-2). Jose Trevino reached on an infield hit before Kiner-Falefa laid down a perfect bunt toward first base on the next pitch, with Benintendi scoring on a head-first slide.

Blue Jays 2, Guardians 1

In Toronto, Teoscar Hernández hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning, Matt Chapman also connected and Toronto ended Cleveland's six-game winning streak.

Hernández and Chapman connected off Guardians starter Triston McKenzie, who has lost three of his past four decisions. McKenzie (8-9) allowed two runs and five hits in 6 2/3 innings as the AL Central leaders lost for the third time in 10 games.

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. extended his career-best hitting streak to 22 games with a double in the first as the Blue Jays snapped a three-game losing streak.

Nationals 4, Padres 3

In Washington, San Diego and new slugger Juan Soto repeatedly failed to come through in the clutch against his former club, and last-place Washington beat the wild-card-chasing Padres when the go-ahead run scored thanks to an overruled call on a play at the plate.

Playing their second game since learning of Fernando Tatis' steroid suspension, the Padres built a 3-0 lead thanks in part to solo homers from Manny Machado and Trent Grisham. But Yu Darvish (10-6) gave away that edge on back-to-back deep balls off the bats of Yadiel Hernández and Joey Meneses in the sixth.

With Luis García on in relief, Victor Robles smacked a single to right and César Hernández (three hits, stolen base) raced home.

Soto's throw reached home just as Hernández did — and the immediate on-field ruling was that the runner was out. But Washington challenged, saying catcher Austin Nola blocked the plate, and the appeal succeeded, meaning the run counted and the Nationals snapped the 3-all tie.

Brewers 3, Cardinals 2, 10 innings

In St. Louis, Hunter Renfroe tripled home the go-ahead run in the 10th inning, and St. Louis wasted a magnificent start by Adam Wainwright.

Milwaukee moved within a half-game of NL Central-leading St. Louis, ending the



New York Mets starting pitcher Jacob deGrom (48) throws in the first inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies, Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, in New York.

Cardinals' nine-game home winning streak.

Wainwright took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and ended up finishing nine, allowing one run on three hits with eight strikeouts in his 109-pitch outing.

Corbin Burnes allowed one run on four hits in seven innings for the Brewers.

Milwaukee tied it 1-1 on Luis Urias' eighth-inning homer, and Devin Williams (4-2) retired the side in order in the ninth.

Renfroe led off the 10th with a triple to right against Giovanni Gallegos (2-5), scoring automatic runner Andrew McCutchen. He later scored on Kolten Wong's sacrifice fly.

Braves 6, Marlins 2, 2nd game Braves 5, Marlins 2, 1st game

In Miami, Ronald Acuña homered on the first pitch of the game, Matt Olson hit his 24th homer and Atlanta completed a doubleheader sweep of Miami.

Rookie Vaughn Grissom also went deep for the surging Braves, who won their fifth straight after losing four of five to the NL East-leading New York Mets.

In the first game, Chadwick Thompson doubled twice, singled and drove in three runs to lead Atlanta.

Acuña's shot over the wall in center was his 26th career leadoff homer. He also has 10 career blasts on the first pitch, four against Miami.

Braves starter Ian Anderson (10-6) scattered two runs in six innings, giving up five hits and a walk with four strikeouts.

The Marlins have lost 12 of 13 at home and scored 23 runs total through their first 12 games in August.

Jesús Aguilar homered for the Marlins. Tommy Nance (0-1) pitched the first three innings of the planned bullpen game for Miami, allowing one run and two hits with a walk and six strikeouts.

In the opener, Matt Olson homered and Acuña and Robbie Grossman had two hits each for the Braves. Kyle Muller (1-1) scattered two runs and three hits in five innings, striking out five and walking one.

Jesús Luzardo (3-5) allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings, striking out six and walking two for the Marlins.

Rays 8, Orioles 2

In St. Petersburg, Fla., All-Star Shane Bieber stopped a two-start losing streak, working six solid innings as Tampa Bay moved in front of Baltimore in the AL wild-card race.

McClanahan (11-5) gave up two runs, seven hits and three walks, and had five strikeouts. Jose Siri had three hits and scored three runs, including on Taylor Walls' two-run homer in the eighth.

DL Hall (0-1) allowed five runs, five hits and three walks along with six strikeouts over 3 2/3 innings in his major league debut as the Orioles lost for the third time in 11 games, falling one-half game behind Tampa Bay in the AL East and wild-card standings.

Astros 8, Athletics 0

In Houston, Lance McCullers Jr. pitched six shutout innings in his season debut, Alex Bregman homered and Trey Mancini had three hits as Houston blanked Oakland.

McCullers, an All-Star in 2017, allowed two hits, struck out five and walked four, tossing 47 of his 81 pitches for strikes. It's his first shutout since August 31, 2021. The

28-year-old McCullers (1-0) pitched for the first time in 305 days for Houston, last going for the Astros in Game 4 of the 2021 AL Divisional Series against the Chicago White Sox. McCullers went on to miss the 2021 ALCS and World Series for the Astros due to a right flexor tendon strain.

Kyle Tucker and Chas McCormick each had an RBI triple for Houston.

Cubs 7, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Ian Happ, Willson Contreras and Frammil Reyes homered, powering the Cubs to their third straight win.

Happ hit an RBI single in the fifth inning and a three-run shot in the seventh, continuing his long run of success at Cincinnati. The All-Star outfielder has 16 career homers at Great American Ball Park.

Reyes' two-run drive in the fourth was his first homer since he was claimed off waivers from Cleveland on Monday.

Kyle Farmer had two RBIs for last-place Cincinnati, which has dropped five straight. Graham Ashcraft (5-3) was charged with four runs, three earned, and six hits in 6 1/3 innings.

White Sox 6, Tigers 4

In Chicago, Andrew Vaughn hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning for the second consecutive night, AJ Pollock homered in the eighth and Chicago handed Detroit its sixth straight loss.

Vaughn had three hits for the White Sox, who moved within 2 1/2 games of AL Central leader Cleveland. His single off Joe Jiménez (3-2) gave the White Sox a 5-4 lead in the seventh.

Rangers 7, Mariners 4

In Arlington, Texas, Corey

Seager matched a career high with his 26th homer and rookie Bubba Thompson drove in a run with a sacrifice squeeze bunt as Texas snapped a nine-game losing streak to Seattle.

Texas trailed 3-0 before a four-run outburst in the fourth inning against Marco Gonzalez (7-12). That was capped by Thompson's bunt pushed to the right side as Charlie Culberson crossed home plate.

Eugenio Suárez homered and had a sac fly for the Mariners, who dropped a half-game behind Toronto for the American League's top wild card.

Diamondbacks 6, Rockies 0

In Denver, Zac Gallen pitched two-hit ball over seven innings, Emmanuel Rivera went deep twice for his first career multi-homer game, and Arizona beat Colorado.

Gallen (8-2) struck out six and extended his shutout streak to 14 innings over his past two starts. He retired 13 of his last 14 batters.

Alek Thomas made a great catch on the last play of the game to preserve the shutout, leaping and reaching over the wall in center to take away a likely two-run homer by C.J. Cron.

Giants 2, Pirates 0

In San Francisco, Logan Webb struck out nine in eight sparkling innings, and San Francisco beat Pittsburgh.

Webb (11-5) allowed five hits and walked two in his second straight win. Camilo Doval got three outs for his 17th save.

LaMonte Wade Jr. hit a solo homer, helping San Francisco to its fifth win in seven games. Wade also doubled and scored on Joc Pederson's double in the first.

Rodolfo Castro had two hits in Pittsburgh's fifth loss in six games. Tyler Beede (1-2) allowed two runs and three hits in three innings while serving as the opener for the Pirates.


Angels 5, Twins 3, 11 innings

In Anaheim, Calif., Shohei Ohtani hit a homer in the eighth inning to get the Angels' offense started, and Taylor Ward hit a game-ending two-run blast to right-center in the 11th inning as Los Angeles rallied to beat Minnesota.

It was Ward's second career game-ending hit as the Angels won for the fourth time in five games.

Carlos Correa hit a home and Luis Arraez had three hits for the Twins, who blew a three-run lead in the eighth inning and remained 1 1/2 games behind the Cleveland Guardians in the AL Central.

Watson debuts for Browns; Jets' Wilson injures right knee

 Deshaun Watson apologized before his pre-season debut with the Cleveland Browns and then got an earful from opposing fans.

Watson apologized Friday “to all the women I have impacted” after being accused by two dozen women of sexual misconduct during massage therapy sessions.

Potentially facing a year-long suspension, Watson publicly expressed remorse and contrition for the first time since he was accused of sexually harassing or assaulting the women during therapy sessions in 2020 and 2021.

He spoke before the team’s exhibition opener, a 24-13 victory at Jacksonville (0-2) in which Watson was roundly booed during three series of work. Fans in one end zone could be heard chanting vulgarities at Watson during his first drive.

The three-time Pro Bowler completed 1 of 5 passes for 7 yards in his first game action since Jan. 3, 2021, with Houston.

Jacksonville played most of its starters and looked considerably better than it did in the Hall of Fame game last week in Canton, Ohio.

Trevor Lawrence completed 6 of 12 passes for 95 yards



Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) looks for a receiver as he is pressured by Jacksonville Jaguars linebacker Josh Allen (41) during the first half of an NFL preseason football game, Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, in Jacksonville, Fla.

and a touchdown, a 9-yarder to Evan Engram on a fourth-down play.

Jaguars running back Travis Etienne played for the first time since suffering a foot injury last preseason and ran for 23 yards. He also had a 10-yard reception that set up a field goal.

The Jaguars scored on each of their first three possessions.

Jets 24, Eagles 21

In Philadelphia, New York Jets quarterback Zach Wilson injured his right knee in the first quarter of a preseason victory over Philadelphia.

After going back to pass with 4:29 left in the period, Wilson was flushed out of the pocket and scrambled to his right for 7 yards, but went down after the play. He appeared to injure his knee when planting to cut on Philadelphia’s grass field.

After being checked by trainers, Wilson limped to the sideline on his own power before heading to the locker room.

After the game, Jets coach Robert Saleh said the initial tests on Wilson showed the ACL “is supposed to be intact,” but the team is waiting for the MRI on Saturday.

Philadelphia quarterback Jalen Hurts looked sharp, completing all six of his pass attempts for 80 yards and a touchdown while playing just one series.

Jets fourth-stringer Chris Streveler, a 2019 Grey Cup champion with the CFL’s Winnipeg Blue Bombers, threw two TD passes, including a go-ahead 5-yard toss to Calvin Jackson Jr. with 16 seconds left. Streveler, who previously spent time in the NFL with Arizona, Baltimore and Miami, had not taken a snap in offensive team drills in

camp this summer before playing against Philadelphia.

Hurts came out firing on all cylinders in his first opportunity to show his progress in a live games after an offseason full of work, hitting wide receiver Quez Watkins for 28 yards down the right sideline on the game’s first play. He connected with his next four passes before finishing a perfect passing drive with a 22-yard touchdown strike to tight end Dallas Goedert.

49ers 28, Packers 21

In Santa Clara, Calif., Trey Lance flashed his big arm in a brief preseason stint for San Francisco with a 76-yard touchdown pass to speedy rookie Danny Gray that helped the 49ers beat Green Bay.

Lance played just two series in the game but that was enough to show why the Niners made the decision to transition from Jimmy Garoppolo to Lance at quarterback.

Lance delivered a perfect deep strike to Gray on San Francisco’s second possession and Gray raced the rest of the way for the score.

Lance finished 4 for 5 for 92 yards, a TD and a perfect 158.3 rating. He ran it once for 7 yards.

Green Bay’s young quarterback wasn’t as sharp on a night when both teams played only a handful of starters.

Jordan Love threw three interceptions to go along with two TD passes in one half of action with starter Aaron Rodgers sitting out the exhibition game.

Love found rookie Romeo Doubs on a 33-yard TD on

Green Bay’s second drive and then connected on another 33-yarder to Danny Davis at the end of the half.

But he had three interceptions in between those TDs, including one that went off tight end Tyler Davis’ hands. Love, who has thrown just 61 passes since being drafted in the first round in 2020, went 13 for 24 for 176 yards.

The teams then traded TD passes in the fourth quarter, with Danny Etling throwing a 22-yarder to Amari Rodgers to give Green Bay a 21-20 lead and San Francisco answering with Brock Purdy’s 5-yard TD to Tanner Hudson.

Cardinals 36, Bengals 23

In Cincinnati, Jonathan Ward, trying to win a spot in a crowded Arizona backfield, ran for two touchdowns and the Cardinals beat Cincinnati in a preseason opener that saw starters for both teams watching from the sideline in street clothes.

Ward plunged in for a pair of 1-yard touchdowns in the second quarter.

Trace McSorley and Jarrett Guarantano, in competition to be the third-string quarterback, shared the snaps for the Cardinals. McSorley, who was signed midway through the 2021 season, threw for 163 yards and a touchdown to Andre Baccellia.

Guarantano, an undrafted free agent, was 7 for 10 for 54 yards and tossed a short touchdown pass to Jontre Kirklin.

The Bengals lost Brandon Allen, who backed up Joe

Burrow last season, early in the game with a concussion.

Evan McPherson picked up where he left off in his terrific rookie season, booting field goals of 23, 58 and 56 yards for Cincinnati.

Falcons 27, Lions 23

In Detroit, rookie quarterback Desmond Ridder threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Jared Bernhardt with 1:30 left to give Atlanta a win over Detroit.

The Lions took a 23-20 lead on Riley Patterson’s 28-yard field goal with 5:57 to play, then forced Atlanta into a three-and-out. Detroit quarterback David Blough, though, fumbled at his 33 with 2:00 left.

Facing fourth-and-9 from the 21 with 1:37 left, Atlanta coach Arthur Smith decided to avoid preseason overtime. Ridder dodged two pass rushers and Bernhardt fought off Cedric Boswell’s coverage attempt to make the catch just inside the end zone.

Ridder replaced Marcus Mariota after one drive and finished 10-for-22 for 103 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed six times for 59 yards, as Atlanta put up 168 yards rushing and just 139 passing.

Lions quarterbacks Tim Boyle and Blough, competing for the No. 2 job behind Jared Goff, both struggled. Boyle was 9-for-16 for 111 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Blough was 18-for-28 for 141 yards, but had a pass deflected and nearly intercepted in his own end zone with 3:42 left before his late fumble. (AP)

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MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
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New York	72	42	.632	
Toronto	61	51	.545	10
Tampa Bay	59	53	.527	12
Baltimore	59	54	.522	12½
Boston	56	59	.487	16½
Central Division				
Cleveland	60	53	.531	
Minnesota	58	54	.518	1½
Chicago	58	56	.509	2½
Kansas City	47	68	.409	14
Detroit	43	72	.374	18
West Division				
Houston	74	41	.643	
Seattle	62	53	.539	12
Texas	50	63	.442	23
Los Angeles	50	64	.439	23½
Oakland	41	73	.360	32½
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
New York	74	40	.649	
Atlanta	69	46	.600	5½
Philadelphia	63	50	.558	10½
Miami	50	64	.439	24
Washington	38	77	.330	36½
Central Division				
St. Louis	62	51	.549	
Milwaukee	61	51	.545	½
Chicago	47	65	.420	14½
Pittsburgh	45	69	.395	17½
Cincinnati	44	68	.393	17½
West Division				
Los Angeles	79	33	.705	
San Diego	64	52	.552	17
San Francisco	56	57	.496	23½
Arizona	52	61	.460	27½
Colorado	51	65	.440	30
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JINIE

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ally challenging, according to CNMI National Swimming Team coach Richard Sikkel, who will be accompanying the CNMI swimmers to Lima.

Being a World Junior Championships he said the swimmers are not limited to a maximum of two events like they are in the World Championships, so Thompson and Savita Sikkel will both swim five events to maximize their time in the competition pool.

“This is a great opportunity for them to get as much competition pool time as possible. Jinie has been really hungry to improve and has worked hard in the pool since her return

from Hungary, she feels she can improve on her times from Budapest. I expect her to do well and swim personal bests in her five events,” he said.

“Savita got to see the level of competition in Budapest up close as a spectator and has been excited to don the NMI colors and get in the water herself to see what she can do. Half of the work is getting over the jitters of swimming in a big event and treating it as business as usual. If they can do that, I fully expect Jinie and Savita to both perform at their best level and then take it up a notch,” added coach Sikkel.

Both NMI swimmers will compete in the 50m and 100m freestyle, 50m and 100m backstroke, and the 50m butterfly

blessings,” he said.

Aside from the billfish and wahoo categories, the 2nd Annual Tinian Beef, Beer and Bands Festival Fishing Derby also awarded prizes to the heaviest yellowfin (\$1,500) and mahi (\$500). *Saipan Tribune* is still awaiting the rest of the results from the Tinian Fishermen’s Association.

LUCKY

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by donating the whole entirety of the 772.5-lb prizewinning marlin to Tinian’s *man’amko*.

“We donated to the Tinian senior citizens...Our culture is to give it to the elders...God of the ocean will give us more

Thompson said she’s honored to be representing the CNMI again in the junior world championships.

“It is the first time the CNMI will be present in this event, which makes it that much more special. It is exciting to see how I will do in my events and hopefully personal best times will be made.”

She said coach Sikkel has been pushing them to their limits in practice and making sure they are focusing on the events they’re set to swim in.

“We are going all out in training with hopes of dropping time and making the CNMI proud with each event we will be partaking in,” she said.

Like Thompson, Savita echoed how proud and excited

The fishing tournament was held from 5:30am to 6pm last Aug. 12 and participating boats launched from the Tinian Marina Dock.

Last year, *Lucky Harvest* also made use of their luck and skill in winning the 2nd Annual Wahoo in the Marianas after Raiukilipiy and his loyal crew landed a 36.1-lb wahoo.

she is to represent her home islands in the World Junior Championships.

“I feel honored to represent the CNMI as this is the first time we have gone to the junior world championships. I am aiming to improve my

GROTTO

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which we agreed to,” he said.

The Run Saipan president said the club also tries to space out their longer races away from the Saipan Marathon sub-events to give runners a chance to focus on the marathon because that’s the premier event for the Marianas Visitors Authority.

“Before people had to wait once a year to choose the 10K, half marathon, and full. Now we are offering the 10K and half marathon spaced out in the year so they can be flexible to focus on going for the top distance which is the 26.2 miles. That’s why we strayed away from strictly 5K every month. We want to give everyone a variety of distances and race styles,” said Dela Cruz.

According to its signup sheet

personal bests, gain race experience in general, and represent the CNMI to the best of my ability. In order to accomplish this we have been training and focusing a lot recently in areas that still need improvement.

on racecoaster, Run Saipan’s Grotto 10K is suitable for runners/walkers of all abilities. The course will start at the Grotto in an out and back in semi-flat course.

Water stations will be provided at the starting point, Bird Island Lookout, and the turnaround point just past Kalabera Cave. Check-in time is from 5am to 5:45am with a race briefing at 5:50am. The race will officially start at 6am.

Run Saipan also reminded members that special discounts are available and one only needs to check the promo code at their social media groups.

For more information or to register, click on the link: https://raceroster.com/events/2022/63041/grotto-10k?fbclid=IwAR1y4Kmq0XITT13T6WS_U2DOhvK9m-9DupntIWYz-isaW96XAIB-W6Ak3c5xLM.



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Jinie, Savita to compete in Jr. World Champs

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For the first time in its history, the Northern Marianas Swimming Federation will be sending swimmers to the World Junior Swimming Championships. Two swimmers will represent the CNMI in the 8th World Junior Swimming Championships to be held in Lima, Peru from Aug. 30 until Sept. 5.

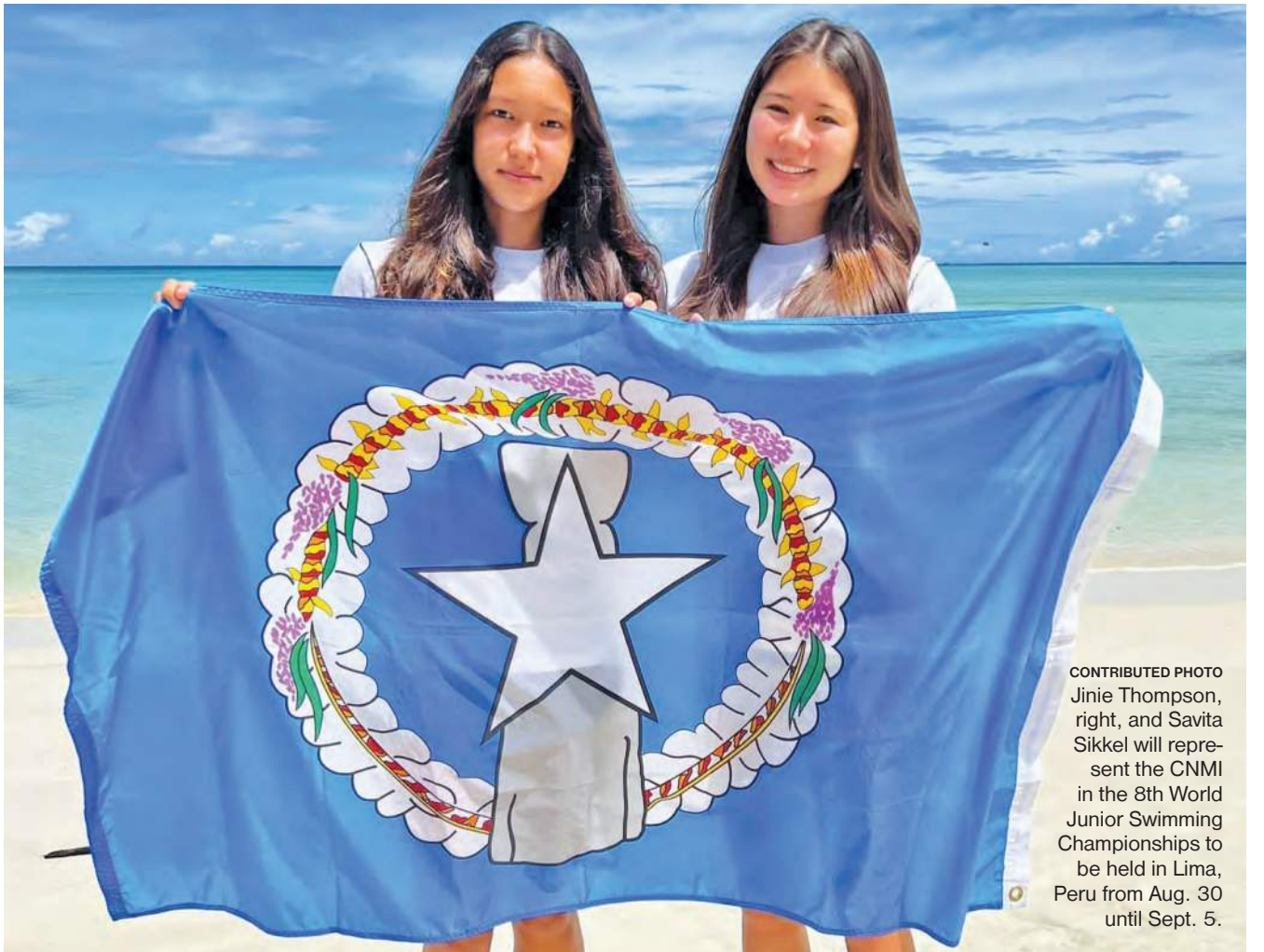
Originally, Jinie Thompson, Savita Sikkell, and Anthony Deleon Guerrero were selected by the NMSF to travel to Peru. Unfortunately, Deleon Guerrero had to bow out at the last minute due to previously arranged travel plans.

The swimmers and NMSF are still looking for ways to raise money and find community partners to help fund their travel to Lima.

FINA will provide some subsidy for the NMI swimmers, but it being a Junior

World Championship the level of support is not as much as usual. Paired with the large number of upcoming events (Oceania Championships, Short Course World Championships in Melbourne, Long Course World Championships in Fukuoka, Micronesia Games, and Pacific Games) so close together due to COVID-19 rescheduling and having just returned from Budapest, Hungary, securing adequate funding has been re-

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Jinie Thompson, right, and Savita Sikkell will represent the CNMI in the 8th World Junior Swimming Championships to be held in Lima, Peru from Aug. 30 until Sept. 5.

Lucky Harvest reels in 772.5-lb monster marlin

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True to their boat's name, *Lucky Harvest* topped last

Saturday's 2nd Annual Tinian Beef, Beer and Bands Festival Fishing Derby after reeling in a 772.5-lb marlin.

Making up the crew of

Lucky Harvest are captain Cecilio Raiukiulipiy and deckhands

Ray Dela Cruz Jr., Jeffrey



Hofschneider, Jun Salik, and J.J. Sablan.

According to Raiukiulipiy, who is a master navigator, they caught the monster marlin using a Mikenzee lure and just before Coke Reef. He said he and his trusty crew fought it for about 3 hours.

He dedicated winning the top prize in the 2nd Annual Tinian Beef, Beer and Bands Festival Fishing Derby to Peter Olopai and Basilio Blas.

"They are my late crew who passed away this month. They went on to deeper and bigger oceans to fish with our creator," said Raiukiulipiy.

A long time *peskadot* who learned the ropes of fishing around the Marianas at the tender age of 6 years old, Raiukiulipiy and company won a grand total of \$3,500 in the one-day derby—\$2,000 for the monster marlin and \$1,500 for winning the wahoo category.

He and his crew immediately shared their blessing

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The crew of *Lucky Harvest*, led by captain Cecilio Raiukiulipiy, left, pose with the 772.5-lb marlin they caught during the 2nd Annual Tinian Beef, Beer and Bands Festival Fishing Derby last Saturday.

Grotto 10K countdown to club's half marathon

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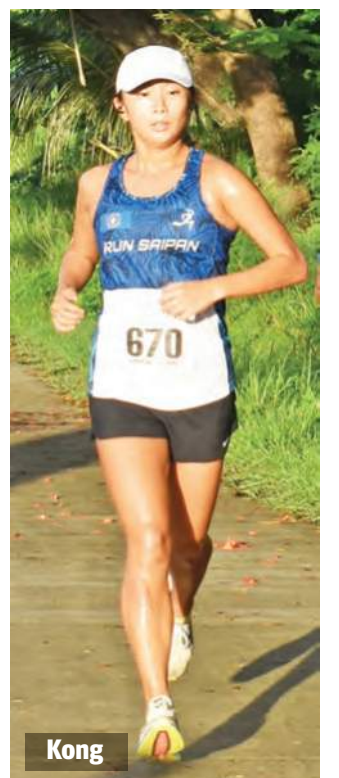
Run Saipan's Grotto 10K will serve as a countdown for the non-profit's first-ever half marathon set for December.

"This should give runners an idea of their ability like a time trial. Whatever they feel like after this they should get a good idea of where they stand if they were to run an extra 11K. We will also hold a half marathon time trial for the running club in a few weeks so our members can get a taste of the one way course we have one store in this coming December," said Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr.

The Inaugural Run Saipan Half Marathon is set for Dec. 10, 2022.

Going back to the Grotto 10K set for Aug. 20, Dela Cruz said the event was inspired by Run Saipan vice president Dr. Jenna Kong.

"As we were devising the 2022 race calendar and se-



Kong

lecting locations, she chose the Grotto because it's one of her favorite dive sites. She also wanted a run up north that was not a full incline like we did in the Stairway to Heaven before. She also wanted a distance variety

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